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QUEEN OF SCOTS, KING JAMES VI, KING
CHARLES I, KING CHARLES II,
AND OTHERS.

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I take the liberty of offering for your acceptance, some Letters addressed by different Sovereigns to several Members of the Argyll Family, from the year 1560, to the year 1652.

These Letters have never (so far as I know) been printed, and I am indebted to the kindness of my friend, Mr. ALEXANDER MACDONALD, who collected them from the repositories of the Register Office, and, at my request, has had them lithographed and printed for the use of the MAITLAND CLUB.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

ARGYLL.

EDINBURGH, *January* 20, 1840.



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Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres me Colyng Erle of Argyile, That forfaymekle as ane noble and mychty lord Hew Erle of Eglentoune hes lent me in my neceffite the fowme of fourty pwndis gud and vsual money of Scotland, To be bwnd and oblist and be the faitht and treuth in my body leilie and treulie byndis and obliffis me my aieris excecutoiris and assignais that I fall refwnd and pay to the said Hew Erle of Eglentoune his aieris excecutoiris and assignais the said fowme of fourtie pwndis gud and vsual money of Scotland foirfaid betnix and the feft of the nativite of our Lady nextocum callit the fair of Steruelyng but frand or gyl. In vitnes of the quhilk thying to this my obligatioun fubferivit with my hand I have affixit my feile at Glasgw the twenty fyif day of the moneth of Majj the yeir of God ane thoufand fyife hundreth and twenty yeiris.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Colin Argyll', written in dark ink.

2. DISCHARGE OF CASUALTIES BY JAMES EARL OF ARRAN, REGENT,
TO ARCHIBALD FOURTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—JUL. 5, 1553.

Gubernator.

We for pleſuris done to ws be our cofing Archibald erll of Argyll lord Campbell and Lorne promittis of the fyrſt cauſualitis that happinnis to fall heirof hym to caufe aſſygne to hym the ſowme of ſex hundreyth merkis monye of this Realme and diſcharge the ſamyn to hym be thir preſentis Subſerivit with our hand At Falkland The fywe day of Julij The 3er of God I^m V^c and fyfty thre 3eris.

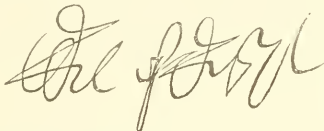


3. ARCHIBALD FOURTH EARL OF ARGYLL TO MARY QUEEN DOWAGER
OF SCOTLAND.—AUG. 12, 1554.

Madame eftir maift hwmill commendatioun of my ſerwice I reſaiſſit 3our graces writing togiddir wyth articlis be the quhilk I vnderſtand 3our graces mynd and guid counſell ſchewin vnto me for furth ſetting of this Interpryce and charge committit be 3our grace vnto me for ſuppreſſing of the Rebellis of the Illis : Off the quhilk counſell I thank 3our grace gretunlic and fall God willing employ my ſelff at my power for performyng of the ſamyn And to that effect I am departit of Dunſtaffage this founday the xij day of Auguſt wyth my army forthwarth to M^{will} quhair James M^cConill and M^cClane wyth ther hail folkis ar convenit and remanis vpon my cuning And

quhen we ar all convenient, thane fall tak purpose to pafs forthwartth vpon the saidis Rebellis and in all our progressis your grace salbe aduerteist efterwartt: And becaus it war our prolixit to writ unto your grace all novellis and purposfis concernyng this wiage I haif exponit the sammyn at lenth to this berar my ferwitour to quhome it will plese your grace to gif credens. And forther committis your grace vnto the preferwatioun of the haly gaist. Off Dunstaffage the xij day of Auguft 1554.

Be your grace hwmille and obedient ferwitour at power,



Madame, James M'Conill is cumin to me and gevis me werray guid wordis and fais that he fall do trew service vnto your grace and to me at this tyme, and hes defyrit me to be easy and guid to hym towartt the deliuering of his plege at this tyme he makand faithfull service to your grace, And vpoun that conditionn I haif promiseit to sollist your grace to be gracioufe and fauorable to hym. I propose to put hym to the preiff that his service salbeknawin alwais. The capitane of Dunbar wyth his hagbutteris come to me to Dunstaffage this fetterday the xj day of Auguft and departis wyth me and fall do my devoir for his Interteincyng.

TO THE QUEENIS GRACE.

4. QUEEN ELIZABETH TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

AUG. 4, 1560.

ELIZABETH R.

BY THE QUEENE.

Right trusty and right welbelouid Cousin We greete you
. . . we haue seene your lettres to our Secretary Sr Wyl
. . . knight with declaration of the contynuanee of your
. . . to the furderance of the weale of bothe the realmes [of
England] and Scotlande, which appeerith not onely by the said
. . . but also by the sending of suche lettres and messages
. . . . hathe lately sent to you by a speciall messenger. . . .
. . . your zeale and constaneye towardis the maintenance
. . . . accorde of our Realme and that, and shall not forget
the good will it seemithe ye beare towardis vs.
trusting ye w . . . contynue therein, and for answere to Onelye.
We haue our faide Secretary to write to you our
opinion, *and for you to God. Given vnder our signett at
our Castell of the 4 of August the second yere of our
reign 1560.*

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND RIGHT
WELBELOUED COUSIN THE ERLE OF
ARGYLE.

Crafft rusing in great z on vord. We assent z omr adglt we
 sume considerit, Couart yo Lord boydis pardom the stay of the
 expedition of it prouidit oult z itans the participatow of the said
 conspiracy and attempt dont no pns vob not thumw ptealer expleit
 gte z onas we alwaye myndit b exempt in getting of o' commiffion
 And sa vob the effect of the commiffion had wylf z on at o' groundmnd
 quifill we intend godwilling furethe b keep without any alteration
 quifauof zo face vntillie persnade zome peple. And thumw for zome
 tays und for the gude opinion we haue of zome faultfull part
 thart vob (quifum we will not doubt) the said Lord boydis
 commiffion shalme passinge and be in furethe stayt of participatow
 hom of the said attempt (as vob haue said) expleit. And libur
 as for the Land of yermot he shalbe sett at libertie vnder somthe
 for his gude tence z retentio as the forme is z o' the somthe of
 vnall may be call Land mtr and not of the gretast of ome
 nobilitie gte as we shoulde taken somthe in sit oust
 gte order for dntz pnsideratow putty vob same vssint And
 doubt not bel zo face velle alow the same at o' mchur
 gte we shalme vnyse m' b p'ortat And libur the
 occasow vnt offer the seif vob velle not omit b' cause the sume
 quifon gromok is excoibit lat sum in boydis z abyd vnt
 z o' in zo' company gte we be furethe vnyse for respnsibit
 vnt as zo velle libur vnaw. In zo' myndtyme we pray
 z on vntun furethe vnt vnaw in the best maner zo vnt
 gte vnt the o' m' m' p'ntly the far b adidz z on And thumw
 zo vnt m' m' laughe vnt vntand o' mynd in that o' all
 vnter besuffis we vnt p'ntly b vntat in na gutaw laug
 vnt furethe vnt doubt not zo velle p'ntly b' means of gte
 vnt and fall thumw vnter libur vnt furethe vnt p'ntly
 -to the vnt of o' p'ntingis sae Declam godwilling to
 quifon p'ntingis vnt vnt z on vnt vnting the seif
 D'z of vnt 1460

what ever his sayed vnter off my gud mynd
 and that ye sal persayne command my toorn
 bruder
 Z omr end siges
 MARIE

5. MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.

—MAR. 31, 1566.

Traift coufing We greit ȝou weil. We reffaut ȝour letter quhilk we haue confiderit, touart the Lord Boydis pardoun: The ftay of the expeditioun of it procedit onlie becaus the participatioun of the lait confpiracy and attemptat done in our prefens wes not thairin fpecialie exceptit, quhilk ȝe knaw We alwayes myndit to except in geving of our remiffionis, And fa wes the effect of the commounyng had with ȝou at our commandiment, quhilk we intend Godwilling finceirlie to keip without ony alteratioun quhairof ȝe fall certainlie perfuade ȝour felfe. And thairfoir, for ȝour caufe, and for the gude opinioun we haue of ȝour faithfull part towart ws, (quhairin we will not doubt,) the faid Lord Boydis remiffioun falhaue paffaige and be na further ftayit, the particiatioun of the laitt attemptat (as We haue faid) exceptit. And likuis as for the Lard of Gormok he falbe fett at libertie vnder fouirtie for his gude reull and reentre as the forme is; bot the fourteis ȝe knaw mon be Lawland men and not of the gretaft of oure nobilite, quhilkis ar not commonlie taken fouirties in fie caiffis. Quhilk ordour for diuerfe confiderationis prefently We haue obferuit, And doubtis not bot ȝe fall wele allow the fame at our meting, quhilk we ernestlie wyfhe mycht be fehortlie. And howfone the oecafion will offer the felf we will not omit to haift the fame. Quhen Gormok is releuit lat him cum to Ergile and abyde with ȝow in ȝour cumpany quhill we be further avisit, for reffonable cauffis as ȝe will likuife knaw. In this meyntyme We pray ȝou interteny familiaritie with Oneill in the beft maner ȝe can, quherof we thoecht mete pre-

fently thus far to aduertise you. And heireftir ge will mair largelie vnderftand our mynd in that and all vther behalffis. We neid prefentie to wrait at na gretar lenth, fen heirby we doubt not ge will perfeue our meanyns quhilk is and fall continew alwayes towartis you sincere loving and vpricht, as the yffue of our proceedingis fall declair, God willing, to quhais proteftioun We commit you. At Edinburg the laft day of Merche 1566.

Wat ever bis fayed bi fur offney gud mynd, and that ye fal perfeue, commend my to our bruder.

Your richt gud fifter,

MARIE R.

TO OUR TRAIST COUSING THE ERL OF ERGILE.

6. MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL
—JUL. 7, 1568.

Derrest Coufing, We haif writtin to you laity Anent our proceed-
ingis, ewer thanking you of your greit constancy towartis ws; And
now being thankis to God in gud helth, We thoecht neccellare to ad-
uerteis you of the famyn, as we beleif ge ar defyrous to heir thair of.
My lord Flemyng arreit heir from Londoun the v. of this Instant,
And is past in Scotland Quha will schaw you all our affaires mair
amply and at mair lenth nor we think expedient to wryt at this tyme.
To quhome ge fall gif credeit. My lord Hereis hes writtin to ws,
That our fifter the Quene hes declarit to him Scho hes writtin to
my lord of Murraye exprefly That hie vse na forder extremitie aganis

I must confess we have written to you lately about proceedings
concerning you of the great constancy followed us. And will
being thank'd to god in god yett, we thought necessary to advertise you of
the summe as we believe you are desirous to have desired. My lord Fleming
arrived here from London the 5. of this instant And he past in str.
and thus you shall see all our affairs more amply and at more length
nor we thought expedient to write at this tyme. To give you full
credit. My lord here has god written to us that it is after the queen
has declared to him that god written to my lord of marriage expressly
that he is no farther extremities against you or your friends and he
subscribed. So we committed you to the protection of god Almighty Off
Caroline the 5. of July 1568

Your good sister
MARCE

Since I must confess
The end of Argyle

gow our faouraris and trew subiectis. Swa committis gow to the proteccioun of God Almychtie. Off Carleill the vij of Julij 1568.

Your gudfijler,

MARIE R.

TO OURE DERREST COUSING
THE ERLE OF ARGYLE.

7. JOHN LORD HERYS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—
AUG. 19, 1568.

My Lord, the xvij day of this monethe betuix xj and twelf houris at evin, I ressaunt thir writtings of the Quenis Majesties, quhilk will pleis your Lordship to ressaue, and directit thame fra me at fyve houris in the mornyng. At that same tyme I ressaunt your Lordships awin writtingis requyring me to cum to Glasgo, declairing that my balling, as ge call it, is the caus of the stay of this haile armie. In my fornar writtingis I sehew your Lordshipe I culd nocht cum throw thay cuntreis to Glasgo without sum gret and fecfull purpois, for that the gait was bayth far to my folkis, and to sum of thame thre feoir myle be land and mair, and the maist part throw thair ennemeis. I sehew I wald haue bene vpon the head of Douglas watter on the xvj day at nycht. And so detterminatlie intending for till haue bene, vpon the xv day I ressaunt my Soueranis letteris as your Lordship and utheris my Lordis has done, commandand me nocht till inuaid nane of hir aduerfar partie; Obeyand the same I stayit my purpois and maid na uther balling in this matter. Uther stay to your armie I maid nane, bot fend

the Quenis writtingis to ȝow as thay war fend me. My lord I may nocht fa cum to Glasgo without I bring gret nowmer of folkis as the tyme standis now; and to bring thame, as I haue said, without ane determinatioun to follow sum gret purpos I find it nocht wisdome to doe. Your Lordschip therfor will appardone me. Gyf your Lordschip with the remanent of my Lordis with ȝow will surelie adwyfe quhat is best to be done in this wechtie caus, And according to the Quenis Majesties commandement, I fall tak my part of it at my power as ony uther man in Scotland of my degre, and nother ball nor hinder your gud determinatioun with the grace of almychting God, quha haue your Lordschip in his bliffit keiping. Off Drumfres the xix of August 1568.

Ȝour Lordschip to command
with seruice att my power



Post script.

I haue fend ȝour Lordschip the copie of this last letter fend me be the Quenis Majestie, quhilk it will pleis ȝow, quhen ȝe haue red it, to laitt my Lord of Sanctandris or sum uther Lordis se it, to ryve it: and caus deliuer thar awne letteris to thame selfis as thay ar directit.

TO THE RYCHT HONORABLE THE ERLE OF ERGYLE
LIEUTENENT TO THE QUENIS MAJESTIE ON THE
SOWTHSYD OF FORTHE.

8. MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.
—AUG. 27, 1568.

Traift coufing and counfalour, We greit zow veill. We haif vnderftand that my Lord of Huntly hes gottin fum defait, of the quhilk we ar in greit pane till we heir the veritie therof; and, haifing gottin mony fair and greit promefes of this realme, thinkis the fame nocht to tak greit effect. We haif reflawit twa vrytingis fra our fifter the Quene be our fervand James Borthlik, writtin with hir awin hand, and caufit tranflait thame in Scottis: of the quhilkis we haif fend copeis to my Lord Hereis and the Bifehop of St. Androis, quha will mak zow participant therof, quhairin it maye be confiderit quhat effect maye be found to our profit; for We latt zow know the affeurance as we haif it. And feing feho hes vrittin to ws of fie newis as we thocht maift neidfull to aduerteis zow, vald nocht fail to do the fame; principally fchawing amangis vthir heidis, that thair is ane cumpanye of Frenfche men outhir on the fe to pas in Scotland, or ellis alreddy arrevit thairin, at the quhilk feho is evill content. Always gif fa be that they cum or ar arrevit, ze know zour force and habilite, quhilk our faythfull fubie&is may vfe. It hes bein fallly reportit to hir, that our men hes invaidit and maid flaucher with greit diftrucion of houffis on hir bordouris. As it is fchawin ws, the princepale of thay Invaidaris wes the zoung Lard of Sefwood; Nochtwithftanding feho layis the haill burdein on ws and our party allanerly. Als feho vrytis, thair is fum Commiffionaris to cum heir, quherof the Deuk of Northfolk is ane. Referring vthir thingis to my Lord Hereis

guba will sehaw zow mair at lenth be Borthikis informatioun, and the rest to this beirar. Swa committis zow to God. Off Bowtoun the xxvij of August 1568.

Wi fend zou a hors fer and gud lyk, huilk ze schal rescue. Any Y had beter ze schould nocht want. This berar lent mi his for zou afor, bicaus this was nocht redi.

Zour richt gud sifter and eufignes,

MARIE R.

TO OURE TRAIST COUSINGE AND
CONSALOUR THE ERLE OF ARGYLE.

9. MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.

—AUG. 31, 1568.

Traist coufinge and counsalour, We greit zow veill. Having resflait zoure vrytingis heir gifterdaye be Johne Levingstoun, vnderstanding thairby and by his report zoure greit fervency gud will and fordwartnes ze haif sehawin in this zour last assembley, Thankis zow maift hertly thairof. Zour difasembling and staving of forder proceiding thairin we cawfit to be for ane gud Intent, considering our sifteris vryting quhilke we fend zow, the copy thairof wes be the same in hir gud promeses constrynit to stave zow. Quhairof my lord Hereis hes aduertefit ws, ze and the rest of oure Nobilite wytis him, and is verray commowit thairat, Praying zow, nocht charge him thairwith; for he did na thing by oure exprefs commandiment, being far mair wytit

Christ + suffering and comfort. We greet you well. We have
understand that my lord of Smyth has gotten sum definite, of
the q^{ty} we be in great pain till we see the desire of
And saying gotten money fair and good promises of his
sealme Julius for same not to take great effect. We have
sufficient the writings for & rather the Queen be & Edward
James worthy written wth for all in hand and canst translate
same in stottis of the gl^{or} we have send copye to my lord
Herles and the bishop of s^t Andrews qu^{er} will make you
participante of Consuim it may be considered of effort
may be found to be profit, for the last and the ^{small} assurance
as we have it. And some of the written to us of the same
to.

Trust confenge and consule, we greet welle will Having
assaut your byttingis ⁱⁿ assistidinge be your lovinge com' Under,
standinge & care and be the report your greit fervency
and will and goodcountnes to your satisfaction in this 2^d last
assemblye Humblye welle maistertfullye thankes, to the 2^d of last
daye and stayinge of further proceedinge therein we cause to be
for our good intent consideringe assistidinge byttinge of the
same welle the copye therof was be the same in your good countnes
constituted to staye welle In witness wherof my love Lewis God admistrato
re, to and the best of our nobilitie certifie in and to becom
quodam therat, prayinge welle to have in thair wille for
the due use by our express commandment, beinge for more
clerke be the due partye of his entree that he will
the same occasion of Incommodities in v² booke and others

be the vthir party of this cuntrey, that he wes the haill occasioun of Innormeteis on our bordouris and vthiris tumultis within oure cuntrey. We doubt nocht bot ze haif alreddy sene be the copey of our sifter the Quenis laft vrytingis, quhilk we fend to zow be the Lard of Skeldoune, of the aduertifment seho makis to ws of the Frensche menis cuning in our realme, quhilk we hoip to be haiftely. Referring all vthir thingis to zour wisdome committis zow to God. Off Bowtoun, the laft of August 1568.

Zour richt gud sifter and asured frind

MARIE R.

Ze schal si farder by the instructions, bot asur zour self that ze heuve dun zourself and al our frindes ne lette honour and gud in onli schawin zour forduartnes and obediens to my. Y wil nocht spel tym in Wourdes, bot Y think mi so far adet to zou that Y schal think on it al my byf.

TO OURE TRAIST COUSINGE AND LIEUTENENT

THE ERLE OF ARGYLE, &c.

10. MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.

—APR. 28, 1569.

Richt traift configne and counsalour, We greit zow weill. We haif vnderstand, how that part of our subiectis, throw sum evill counsale, has hapnit to cum in danger with our rebelles, quhilk We lament greitumly, and not sa mekill for ony dampnage that we maye gett thairthrow, ffor thankis to God our affaires ar presently in better

estait nor thay war fen the begynning of ony conference thairon, Bot is fory of the evill bruyt rynniss thairof. Notwithstanding we haif vnderstand of your constancy towart ws, quherof we thank you maist hertly, and with the grace of God salbe acknowlegit of the same, nocht doubting bot ye vill conteneue thairin to your greit honour and advantage. And we praye you that on na wayes ye cum to appoyntment nor convening with the saidis rebelles by our advyse; bot hald your self far fra thame, remaining still ferme in your constancy, quhairof now we haif the provfe: als praying you verraye effectuously, That ye vill assist menteyne and help our traist cousigne the Lord Flemyng to furneis the castell of Dumbarten with all viures that may be gottiu in ony maner thairto, as ye vill do ws maist acceptabill service, and as our traist is in you, and fall haif releif schortly to the contentment and honour of all thais that remanis constant and perseveiris in thair faythfulnes towartis ws, As thairin ye fall haif na caus to repent God willing, Quhome mott preserve you. Off Wyngfeild, the xxvij of Aprile 1569.

Bruder, I am gled you heff nocht enterd so fuleschli in tak. I prey you com nocht in tel you hir from me, and heff no conferanee with them, for and you know hou thei speik off the poor Duk huas it coms nocht be him; bot kip you on dishonord, for schortli I schal send you wourd huat you schal do.

Your richt good sister and best frind foreuuer

MARIE R.

TO OUR RICHT TRAIST COUSIGNE, COUNSALOUR,
AND LIEUTENNENT, THE ERLE OF ERGYLE.

Wise counsellors and consulators have granted these words, the which under
stand your great part of the subjects of your same shall be consular and have
to say in danger not so advised shall be lament greatly and not so
noble for my damage that we may gett thankes, for humbled to
god wth assurance or partly in better estate nor they were for the beginning
of my conference thence. But it seeme of the which becometh of the
wthstanding we have understood of the constant towards the which
we have shall be must godly and wth the grant of god shall be acknowledged
of the same wth doubting but the will to knowe of the same to the great honor
and advantage and we praye god that we be moved to end to apprehend
nor condoning wth the which becometh by the which becometh but shall becometh
for for the same remaining the same in the constant of the which we have
the which becometh as the which becometh of the which becometh but shall becometh
the which becometh and shall becometh of the which becometh to
for the which becometh of the which becometh but shall becometh
in my manner shall becometh as the which becometh but shall becometh
and as the which becometh is in the which becometh shall becometh to the
contentment and honor of all the which becometh constant and
prosperous in the which becometh towards the which becometh to
shall becometh to repent god willing. In witness whereof
the which becometh the which becometh of the which becometh is by

11. JOHN EARL OF MAR, REGENT, TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—SEPT. 9, 1571.

REX.

We, with aduife and consent of our richt traift consing Johnne Erle of Mar Lord Erskin Regent to us our realme and liegis, Promittis in the word of a Prince, That, in the craving and vptaking of our malis of the fouthe Ilis and Kintyre fra Angus Maconaill of Dunnevaig and Heftour Maclane of Doward restand onpayit of all termes bipast preceding the daitt heirof, We fall vfe the aduife of our richt traift coufinges Archibald erle of Ergile lord Campbell and Lorne, James Erle of Mortoun lord of Dalkethe chancellor of our realme, and Robert lord Boyd, in sic fort, that the payment of the fadis males restand of termes bigane fall stand till thair diferetioun. Subferinit be our faid coufing and Regent AT Striucling the nynt day of September and of our Regne the fyft geir 1571.

12. THE EARLS OF MONTROSE AND ROTHES, PATRICK LORD LINDSAY, AND ROBERT COMMENDATOR OF DUNFERMLING, TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—AUG. 21, 1576.

My Lord, efter our maift hartlie commendatioun. We haue heir be greate and eirneft lanbouris movit my Lord Erl of Atholl to condifend

and aggre vnto the conditionnis accordit vpoun at our last being in Glasgw: Bot ane thing forther is heir concludit, conforme to my Lord Regentis will and directioun, that all captives and presoneris on ather part fuld be fet at libertie. And vnderstanding that thair is ane Angus Makkerun Makvertenis sone, duellar in Kynlochlevin, detenit presoner be your L. and command in Dunstaffage, quhilk is mair nor we knew at our being in Glasgw; Sa that, conforme to my Lordis grace will mynde and directioun befoir our progres in this mater, It is lykewyis aggreit, that the said Angus salbe fet at libertie and fredome betuix this and the sext day of September nixtoeum, and deliuerit in the handis of the Maister of Mar, to the end that he may immediatlie efter the said sext day repair to his Maister the Erll of Atholl or quhair he pleis. This we mon effectuallie pray your L. to do, as ge haif bene conformable in the saidis conditionis, for your awin quietnes and eise, and for this our speciall and eirnest request quhairin gour L. fall hane ws always readie to acquite the same with fensurable pleasure. Sa committis your L. in the protectioun of the eternall. At Perth the xxj of August 1576.

Your L. richt assurit at ther pouer,

ROTHES

MONTROYS.

PATRICK L. LYNSAY.

R. DUNFERMLING.

Postscript.

Further, your L. fall vnderstand, that we haue movit the Erll of Atholl to aggre to this, that incaise that the noblemen and freindis can not aggree amang thame felffis, the said erll is content that

My Lord after I have receaved your letter touching the same
 I have the greater and earnest Laubomene under my Lord will
 of advice to send forth and agree unto the said conditione avarde
 I have as I have being in Glasgowe I got and have before in
 the said conditione Conference to my Lord regent the vice and direction
 that he captives and prisoners on either part shold be set
 at libertie And understanding that there is some Angrie
 malcontent malcontente some Success in Dunghelm, Defiant
 prafonse be 20 l. and demand in Dunstaffage 20 l. is
 I have the same at it being in Glasgowe So that I have
 to my Lord grace will mynle to direction before I proceed
 in the same It is lykely to agree that the said Angrie
 shall be at libertie and redome before the said the day
 of Septembur nexte and so forth in the same of the
 said of Glasgowe to the said that he may immediately
 after the said day come to the said may be the day
 of advice or further to the said the vice may offer to
 pay 20 l. to the said as he say before impromittie in the
 said conditione. And so I have promised and will stand for
 the said promise and will ^{renewed} ~~renewed~~ 20 l. the said
 will never be ready to receive the same with
 the said please to the said 20 l. in the
 & so the said should be the said the said

Messrs of the Court

my Lord Regentis grace, my Lord Chancellor, the Erllis of Montrois and Rothes, my Lordis Lyndefay and Boyd, and my Lord Commendatar of Dunfermling be oddifinen and owremen, That quhatfumeuer thai or the maift part of thame decernis to be done, to ftand and abyde thairat, quhairin your L. may not fail to fend ws anfuer in write how your L. aggreis vnto this.

TO THE RICHT HONORABLE LORD
MY LORD THE ERLE OF ERGILE.

13. QUEEN ELIZABETH TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—
MAY 28, 1578.

Righte trustie and right welbelouid Cofin, We greet you well. We have bin advertifed from our fervant Robert Bowes, (prefentlie for our affaires there,) how well you are devotid to the maintenance of the Amitie betwene the King our dearest brother and vs, wherof you doe not let to make publike demonftracioun, which we accepte in fo thanckfull parte, as we fynd our felf bound in honor to make knowne vnto you the greate contentment we receive therbie, and how glad we would be by effectis to shewe the fame. And wheras, to our great greefe, we have latelie founde, that among perfonages of the best eftate in that Realme, and best hable to ferve the King our good brother, and no lesse well affected to the good Amitie betwene our two Crownes, ther hathe bin caufe of difference and contencioun, which by mediacioun of certaine perfons of qualitie are growing to some frendlie composition, especially betwene the Earle Morton and

you : We are therefore to praie you, forseeing the evident mischeif that is likelie to infue, by the contynewans of the difagrement betwene perfons of your qualletie, in the noneage of a young Prince, that if anie thing offensive do either remaine, or maie be revived betwene the faid Earle and you, or other of the Nobillitie, that you will vse our Mynifter ther as a Mediatour to remove all caufes of farther vnkindnes. And for confirmacioun of a perfect reconciliacioun, which we have good hope will take effect, we could wilhe you to be a meane to the King our good brother, for the calling of the Earle Morton about him, wherin, befidis that you fhall difcharge the office of a chriftian Nobleman, by yelding the frutes of trewe reconciliacioun, you fhall by furtherance therof to effect, greatlie advance the Kings fervice, being a man fo fufficient for governement as he is, wherof he hathe made good tryall. Befides we are to praie you to geve credit to our fervant Bowes in fuche thinges as he fhall deliver to you from vs, touching fuche flanderous brutis as have latelie come to our eares, whervnto we affure you we geve no credit, having a moft constant opinion of your fincere affection towardis vs and to maintaine good Amitie betwene the King our good brother your maifter and vs. And fo, good Cofin, We praie God to have you in his blessed keping. Geven vnder our Signet at our Mannor of Grenewiche, the xxviiith daie of Maye 1578, in the Twentethe yere of our raigne.

Your Loving Cousin,

ELIZABETH R.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTIE AND RIGHT WELBELOUID
COSIN THE EARLE OF ARGYLE.

14. QUEEN ELIZABETH TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

FEB. 28, 1578.

Right trusty and right welbelouid Cousin, We greeete you well. We haue alwayes repofed fuch truste and confidence in your forwardnes and good inclinacioun to enterteinde the good amity betwin vs and the King your foueraigne, that we doubt not you will alwayes shew your self constant therein, by the continuing of your good officis betwin our two Crownes. And for that there is now occasion offerid, to make some particular triall therof, about the matter of th'intendid matche betwin your said foueraigne and some forrein princee, whereof we haue receauid foundry aduertimentis, We praye you to haue a care, that nothing be don therein, without our preuitye and knowledge, the same being a matter of such weight, and that towchith so neere the state of both realmes, wherbie as we shalbe encouraged to continue our accustomid care and good meaning towardes that realme, so shall you be assurid for your owne particular to winne no smaule interest in our fauour; praying you to geue credit vnto our seruaunt Bowes in that which he shall further saie vnto you toweling this matter in our name. Geuen vnder our Signet at our Pallace of Westminster, the last of February 1578, in the xxjth yere of our raigne.

Your loving Cousin and frind,

ELIZABETH R.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND RIGHT WELBELOUID

COSIN THEARLE OF ARGVILE.

14. KING JAMES VI. TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

MAY 13, 1579.

Rycht traift Coufing and Counfalour We greit you hertly weill. Vnderftanding the kepars of the houfe of Brydik in Arrane to be willing to rander the fame, thair lyffis faulf, for the cryme of the diffobediencie of our charge to rander the faid houfe and caftell, We will gow thairfore in our Name to grant thame the faid condicioun, letting thame depart with ther awin propre baggaige, Saulffing the mvnitioun and victuallis being within the faid houfe and caftell, quhilk ze fall cauf reffauc vpoun Inuentair, and be preferuit to our vfe, Placing our feruitour Niniane Stewart as keipar of the faid houfe and all thingis reffaut thairin, quhill the farther knowledge of our mynd and plefure. Thus We commit gow to God. At our caftell of Striueling the xij of Maij 1579.

JAMES R.

TO OUR RICHT TRAIST COUSING AND
COUNSALOUR THE ERLL OF ERGILE.

15. KING JAMES VI. TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

FEB. 18, [1580?]

Richt traift coufing and counfallour, We greit gow hartlie weill. Being come at Goddis pleafour to this eftate and age, and having many

I have the honor and comfort to receive your letter
 well, understanding the regard of the Count of Breda
 in all things to be willing to be under his grace
 shall, for the crime of the suppression of the
 Count of Breda's castle, we will give
 your name to grant to you the said Count
 Letting you depart with all proper baggage
 satisfying the conditions and conditions being in
 said Count's castle, all the said Count's
 books, furniture & to be sent to the Count of Breda
 of which Minian Robert at Breda of the said
 Count's full grace respect given of the fair
 knowledge of the mind of the Count of Breda
 with the Count of Breda's castle of the Count of Breda
 the 2nd of May 1579

The Count of Breda's
 and comfort to receive
 of the Count of Breda

James R.

great and wechty materis in hand, ſpecialie concernyng the honour and ſuretie of our perſonn and eſtate; the intertenement of peax, amitie and gude Intelligence with the Chriſtiane Princes and commonwealthis, our neareſt nychtbouris freindis and allyais, quhais ambaffadouris and miniſteris frequentlie reparis to ws; the repreſſing of the thevis and diforderit perſonis; and governyng of our gude and peaceble ſubiectis in gude tranquillitie, peax and iuſtice: It is maiſt requiſite that we haue the gude avyſe and concurrence of our nobilitie, and that the occaſionis of grudges diſpleaſouris and querrellis ſtanding among thame, quhair through thair cummyng to ws and reman- yng quietly in our company is oftymes hinderit, be taken away; firſt be aſſurance, and thairefter, ſa ſone as conuenientlie it may be, be ſynall and perfyte concord, quhilk is our cheifeſt care preſentlie, and lies bene of a lang tyme bypaſt: Quhairvpoun We haue takin occa- ſioun to direct to ȝow our ſeruitour M^r Peter Young our elemofinar to communicat to ȝow our mynde committit to his credite, and to deſyre ȝow in our name, that ȝe fail not to repaire heir vnto ws againe the xxij day of Februare iſtant. Swa remittand further to his credite, We commit ȝow to God. From Halyrudehouſ this xvij of Februar

JAMES R.

TO OUR RICHT TRAIſT COUSING
AND COUNſALOUR THE ERLL OF
ERGILE OUR CHANCELLAIR.

16. KING JAMES VI. TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

JUL. 2, 1582.

Richt traift coufing and counfallour, We greit ȝow hartlie weil. We haue refaut ȝour letter towardis fome particuleris of ȝour awne, the ſpeding quherof we haue delayit and remittit to ȝour awne prefence, quhilk we will earniftlie requeift ȝow to let ws haue at our burgh of Perth the viij or ix day of this inſtaunt, quher your remayning fall not be abone xxiiij houris, gif ȝour health or vther occupacioun may not ſpair ȝow with ws any langer. The occaſion that movis ws to ſend for ȝow is weil wechty, importing baith our ſuretie and ȝour awin, as we haue willit our rycht traift coufing the erle of Arrane to notifie ſum part vnto ȝow be his letter; Thairfore as ȝe tender baith the ane and vtheris we will requeift ȝow not to failȝie to meit ws the ſaid day and place, quher ȝe falbe acquentit mair amplie with thir materis. We man in this meane tyme remember ȝow of the deir doggis, quhilk be our vther lettir we requirit ȝow to ſend ws, the tyme drawis neir quhen they fould be dire&it away; Thairfore we pray ȝow, to recouer ws ſamony as may be ſparit within ȝour boundis, and let thame be brocht with ȝow, or dire&it with ſome of ȝour awne therfter, as ȝe will do ws acceptable and gude pleaſure. Thus we commit ȝow to God. From Sterling caſtell this ſecound day of July 1582.

JAMES R.

TO OUR RICHT TRAIST COUSING AND COUNSALLOUR
THE ERLE OF ERGYLE OUR CHANCELLAR.

17. KING JAMES VI. TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—
AUG. 30, 1582.

Rycht traift couſing and counſalour, We greit ȝow weill. We haue reſoluit be anife of the Counfell preſent with ws, to tak ordour for the quieting of the trublis laity fallin out, be a Conventioun of a gude nowmer of our eſtattis to be aſſemblit at Edinburgh vpon the twentie day of September nixtocum: quherfore we require ȝow effectuſlie, that ȝe will nocht fail to be preſent with ws at Edinburgh the ſaid day, in peaceable and quiet maner, accompanyit onlie with ȝour houſhald; that be ȝour preſence and gude auife, this mater, being in the ſelf ſa wechtie, may be ordourit and ſetled to the pleſour of God, our obedience, and the commoun tranquillitie of our realme; and that ȝe keip this diett preceiſlie as ȝe will declair ȝour gude affection to our ſeruice and do ws acceptable pleſour. Thus we comit ȝow to God. AT Perth the penult day of Auguſt 1582.

JAMES R.

TO OUR RYCHT TRAIST COUSING
AND COUNSALOUR THE ERLL OF
ARGYLE OUR CHANCELLARE.

18. ESMÉ FIRST DUKE OF LENNOX * TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF
ARGYLL.—SEPT. 20, 1582.

Monfieur, Jay refeu la lettre quil vous a pleu meferipre, mais Je nay point veu vofre homme. Toute fois Laird Darkinlas a pris la peine de me venir vifiter, par lequel avec vofre dicte lettre Jay efte affeuré de vofre confiante amytié envers moy, de laquelle Je nay jamais doubté : et auffy Je vous fupplie humblemant de croire que celle que vous ay promifé vous fera gardee inuyolablement. Je mafurois toufours bien que ne vouldries jamais aprouer la thraifon qui a efte faiçte au Roy, laquelle Je regrette extremement, non pour mon particulier, mes pour le hafard auquel eft fa Magefte, Laquelle, fy Dieu ne luy ayde, fera mife entre les mains de ceulx qui ne defire pas fa conferuation. Quent pour ma part Je fuis fur mon embarquemant pour men aler en France fuyent ce que fa Magefte a efte forcee de me commander de faire. Ilz mont acufé de beaucoup de chofe par vne requefte quilz prefantire a fa magefte a Scaintehanfton ; ce q'ayent entendu, Jay ofert par my Lord de Herife de comparoifre deuent tous les eftas pour efte jugé par heulx fur tous les pointz de leurs acufations. fens demander aulcune grace ou refpict ; ains que Jeftois content

* The Earl of Lennox was appointed " Capitane and keiper of his Majesteis Castell of Dumbartane " 29 Jul 1580—" Capitane and Commander of his hienes gaird during his Majesteis will " 5 Mar. 1581—Created Duke of Lennox 5 Aug. 1581—He died in France December 1582. His son Ludovick succeeded him, and on the 23 December 1583 is appointed " heich and grit Chalmerlane of this realme and first gentilman of his hienes chalmer joynard baith the saidis tytillis and offices in ane"—and on 24 Nov. 1591 is made " grit Maister of his Majesteis Esquierie and haill horsis, &c. &c.

deſtre jugé a toute la rigeur que les lois deſcoſſe me pouroïſt condanner, ſelon les preuue quilz pouroïſt faire contre moy ; mais Il ne lont pas voulu, encore que par leurs requeſte Ils offroïſt de me le maintenir en ma face ſur le peril de leurs vies et bien. Et quent pour ce que legliſe ſe plaignoit de moy, eſtant a Liſlebour Jay aufert aux myniſtres par le dict Lord de Heriſe, le Laird detrakuoys, le preuoſt de Liſlebour, que filz voullôïſt mettre par eſcript ce que dont Ilz diſoient que Je les aurois aufenſe, que Je leurs renderois reſponſe par eſcript, et que ce que Je aurois faiçt Je lauourois et leurs dirois laſon pour quoy Je laurois faiçt ; ce que Je nauois faiçt auſſy Je leurs dirois ſi Je le ſauiſſis qui ſauroïſt eſte ; et que apres que Ils choſifet ſis myniſtre, ſis gentilzhommes, le preuoſt du dict Liſlebour, et cinc des plus honneſtes hommes de la dicte ville, et que leurs eſcript et ma reſponſe fuſet miſe entre leurs mains, et que ce que les dixhuiçt trouueroïſt que Je aurois ofenſé, que ce quilz ordonneroïſt que Je deuerois faire pour les ſatiſfaire, que Je le ferois. Mes Ilz ne mont Jamais voulu rendre reſponſe. Voyla les ofres quay faiçte, laquelle Il me ſamble eſtre ſy reſonnable quil ny a homme de bien en eſcoſſe quil ne die que Je ne me fois mys en tout deuoir de ce que la reſon le requeroïſt. Mais puis quil ny a aultre remede Je ſuis content de man aller en Franſe. Toute fois Je feray preſenté vne requeſte aux eſtas a cete conuention, laquelle fera ſy equitable que Je maſſeure que me feres cet honneur que de tenir la main quelle me ſeoit acordee. Et touchent laucation de mon partemant, croyes Je vous ſupplie que ce neſt point par faulte de courage, comme Jay eſperanſe de le vous faire paroïſtre auent quil ſeoit paſque ; et le vous manderay ſytoſt que ceray en France, ayent eſperanſe quil coutera la vie a dix mille homme

qui ne font pas eſcofois ou noſtre maiftre fera vangé de la thraifon que long luy a faiſte, et fil nen debourfera pas vng double; et que Je luy feray paroiftre que Je luy fuis fidelle ſerviteur, et que Je ne le laiferay en cete aduerſité, ny mes bons amys. Quent Il vous plaira de meſcripre, donnez voz lettres a mylord d'Oglwy ou au cappitaine de cete place ou a laird de Mynto, et ceulx la me les feront tenir feuremant. ou a laird Kilſayt. Et pour la fin de ma lettre, Je vous ſupplie humblemant de vous aſſeurer que Je vous demeureray tent que Je vyueray tres fidelle amy, et quaues toute puisſe de me commander, ny ayent rien que Je puisſe faire pour voſtre ſervice que Je ne face dauffy bon ceur que Je vous baiſe humblemant les mains: Prient Dieu,

Monſieur, quil vous ayt en ſa ſainte garde. Du chasteau de Dumbar-tane ce xx^{eme} jour de Septembre 1582.

Vostre bien humble et fidelle amy a vous faire ſervice.

LENOX

A MONSIEUR

MONSIEUR LE COMTE DARGUIL.

19. QUEEN ELIZABETH TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

JAN. 20, 1582.

Right truſtie and right welbelouid Coſin We grete you well: The care we have hitherto had and do ſtill continewe, of the ſafety and

refer you well: Tho' I am not aware of your letter to her and do
not know how she has done, I am glad you have had and do
hope will have the King your Minister and the noble
and noble men and other his servants about his person
maintainance of the State of religion, the first ex-
ample between the two kingdoms. among whom having
great commendation of your forwardness and good
will not but particularly let you understand by our
in for the same, and therefore you had to every room
to be no more doubt but that you will give
your constant perseverance in your good work
of your pains, especially you shall see
it is by both to your self and to your subjects
to a man of your excellent qualities. Every
and the rest of January 1522 to the first and

Your formal Cousin
H. STUBBS

well doing of our good brother the King your Maister, and the weale of his estate, moveth vs to esteeme and favour those noble men and other his servauntes about his person, that shewe themselves well affected to the mayntenaunce of the state of religion, the furtheraunce of his service, and continewaunce of the good amitie betwene the twoo Crownes. Among whom having many waies heard veary good reporte and great commendacioun of your forwardnes and good inclinacioun in all theise three pointes, we could not but perticulerly let you vnderstand by our owne lettres, how well we do thinke of you for the same, and thinterest you have thereby wonne in our speciall favour and good liking of you, which We nothing doubt, but that you will geve vs cause to continewe still towards you, by your constant perseveraunce in your good zeale towards God, and dutie towards the servis of your Prince, wherby you shall discharge your conscience towards both, and winne thereby, both to your selfe and to your posterity hereafter, that reputation that apperteyneth to a man of your calling and qualitie. Given vnder our Signet at our Manour of Richmond the xxth of January 1582, the five and twentieth yeare of our raigene.

Your Lovinge Cousin,

ELIZABETH R.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTIE AND RIGHT WELBELOUED
COSIN THE ERLE OF ARGILE.

20. THE SIEUR DE MAINVILLE GENTLEMAN OF THE BEDCHAMBER TO
THE KING OF FRANCE TO COLIN EARL OF ARGYLL.—APR. 9, 1583.

Monfieur, vous voyes affés parceque Monfieur de Doun & moy vous auons mande par le feigneur Jihan Grahame, Combien vofre prefence faiët befoing Iey, et celle des aultres feigneurs qui font mandes, tellement que Je penfe que celluy qui feroit pareffeux a venir pourroit eſtre accuſe a bon droit d'auoir non feulement abandonne le bien mais auoir faiët le mal des affaires de ce pays. C'eſt pourquoy Je vous ſupplie bien humblement vouloir faire en forte que Monfieur de Glenkerne n'eucoure point en ce mauuaix credit, mais quil vienne a ceſte conuention neantmoings cequil a deſia mandé au roy ; Ceque Je m'aſure quil fera pour vofre autorite, ſi a ma priere il vous plaiët luy en eſcripre, et luy enuoyer celle que Je luy eſcrips. Je vous baiſe bien humblement les mains, & prie Dieu,

Monfieur, vous donner en parfaicte fante, hereuſe & longue vie.
Donne Edinbourg ce ix^e Jour D'april 1583.

Permettes moy Monfieur de baiſer les mains a
Madame en ce bout de lettre.

Vofre bienhumble a vous obeir et ſeruir.

MAINEUILLE.

A MONSIEUR

MONSIEUR LE COMPTE D'ARGUIL.

21. KING HENRY IV. OF FRANCE TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.

—MAY 28, 1583.

Monſieur Le Conte, Au retour du ſeigneur de la Mothe Fennellon Conſeiller en mon Conſeil deſtat, & du ſeigneur de Maigneuille Gentilhomme ordinaire de ma chambre, Jay receu les lettres que m'avez eſcriptes, et par luy entendu leſtat ou il a laiſſé toutes choſes pardela, & la bonne affection que vous avez a la manutenacion du Repos qui y eſt neceſſaire bounne auſſy a la conſeruacion & fortification de lantienne amitye & alliance qui eſt entre ceſtuy mon Royaume et celluy d'Eſcoſſe, dont je vous ſcay fort bon gre. Vous priant de penſer en ceſte bonne volonte, avec aſſurance, que le Roy voſtre Maĩſtre nentrera jamais en amitye et alliance qui luy ſoit plus vtile et certaine que ceſte cy, comme ſes predeceſſeurs lont experimente, et laduenir le fera encores congnoĩſtre. Je ſuis bien fort aiſé audemourant du bon debuoir que me promeitz fere pour la Reſtitucion des vins & haſtel appartenans a aucuns marchans mes ſubiectz qui leur ont eſte prins & depredez par quelques pirates eſcoſſois. Je vous prie de leur en faire fere telle Juſtice & ſatiſfaction quilz aient occaſion de ſen louer, par ceſt choſe que Jay en ſinguliere Recommandacion. Et a ce propoz Je vous diray que Jay nagueres faiçt fere Raiſon, & ordonne paiement eſtre faiçt a vng Eſcoſſois de lappretiacion & eſtimacion qui a eſté faiçt d'vng ſien vaiſſeau qui fut (ſe diçt Il) prins par le ſeu Seigneur Stroſſy pour ſen ſeruir en ſon veoiage de mer, comme Je feray fere des aultres prinſes qui viendront a ma congnoiffance eſtre faiçtes par mes ſubiectz ſur ceulx d'Eſcoſſe ainſy quil conuient a

lamitye & alliance si estroïcte qui est entre ces deux coronnes. Priant Dieu, Monsieur le Conte, vous auoir en sa sancte et digne garde. Escript A Paris le xxviije Jour de May 1583.

HENRY.

A MONSIEUR LE COMTE d'ARGYLE.

22. THE SIEUR DE LA MOTHE FENELON AMBASSADOR FROM THE COURT OF FRANCE TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

JAN. 25, 1583.

Monsieur, J'auoy desiré de vous pouuoyr bailler en presanee ceste aultre lettre que le Roy treschrestien mon seigneur vous escript. Et a cest effect J'auoy prié le Roy vostre souuerain quil luy pleut vous escripre, et a ceulx de sa noblesse de venir en ce lieu, affin de vous pouuoyr exposer a toutz ce que sa Majesté treschrestienne m'auoit donné en creancee pour vous dire. Mais voyant la longueur qu'on vze en cella. et que J'ay trouué vng si oportun messager comme cestuy cy qui vous va trouuer. J'ay bien voulu vous fere tenyr par luy ladite lettre, par la quelle vous comprendrez assez la bonne et droicte Intention que sa Majesté treschrestienne a vers le serenissime Roy son bon frere, et vers vous, et les Seigneurs de sa noblesse qui estes des plus principaulx d'Ielle, et vers le bien de l'Estat, et de l'uniuersel repoze, et conseruacion de toutz les gens de bien du Royaulme, dont esperant que voudrez tresuolontiers assister ceste tant bonne intention de sa ditte Majesté treschrestienne, Je n'adiousteray rien dauantage a la dite lettre que ce que pourrez entendre par ce seigneur present

porteur, lequel f'est trouue en ceste court a mon arriueé. Et prieray aufurplus nostre Seigneur, apres auoyr salué toutes voz bonnes gracies de mes humbles trefaffectionnes recommandacions, ensemble celles fil vous plait de madame la comtesse, qu'il vous donnt et a Elle.

Monsieur, En tresparsaiète fancté treflongue vye, Et tout le bien & prosperite que vous desire. Don Edinbourg ce xxv^e Jour de Januyer fellon la nouvelle computacion de France et xv^e fellon lancienne 1583.

Vostre bien fort humble et obeissant a vous fere seruice.


 A handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "JAMES VI". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

A MONSIEUR

MONSIEUR LE COMPTE D'ARGUIL.

23. KING JAMES VI. TO ARCHIBALD SEVENTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

SEPT. 21, 1588.

Richt traift coufing, We greit zow hartlie weil. The fame occaſioun that moved ws to tak panis in our awin perfoun at the bordouris git continewing, and a number of thevis fugitives lying out and daylie

making incurfionis to the trouble of our gude subiectis, We are movit to interteny ane ordinar force aganis thame thir thrie nixt monethis, And to that effect mon burding zow and your freindis with four hundreth able footmen with bowis, or fa mony as may be with hagbuttis, the ane half to ferve for the moneth of O&tober nixtocum, and the vther half for the moneth of November. Quherfoir We defyr zow effectuoufflie, all excufis fet apart, That ze fail nocht to caus the first tua hundreth with fufficient Leaderis and prouifoun for xxx dayis be in Edinburgh vpoun the xxvij day of September infant, quhair we have appointed the Laird of Caddell to be thair commander, and to reffave and convoy thame to the place of feruice; and befor the laft day of O&tober that ze gar the vther tua hundreth, lykewais providit, releiff thame, as ze will do acceptable pleafour and gude feruice, and will give ws a pruiiff of that affection zow beir to the furthering of our feruice, according to the lovable custome of zour forbearis: Letting ws vnderftand be zour anfuer in write with this bearer quhat we fall certanelie lippin for. And fa We commit zow to God. AT our caftell of Striuling the xxj day of September 1588.

JAMES R.

TO OUR RICHT TRAIST COUSING AND COUNSALLOUR,
THE ERLE OF ERGYLE AND HIS TUTOURIS, OR
SIC OF THAME AS SALL BE PRESENT FOR THE
TYME.

24. QUEEN ELIZABETH TO ARCHIBALD SEVENTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

JUL. 23, 1595.

Right trustie and right wellbeloued Cousin, Wee greet yow hartelie well: Wee haue vnderstoode so fullie by our seruant Bowes, of your great care of such thinges as he of late hath recommended vnto yow, that wee cannot any longer forbear to acknowledge the fame by our owne lettres, thereby to assure yow, that such is our contentment to find yow allwell the successor of your noble fatheris love and good will to our Estate, as the Inheritour of his fortune, that Wee are more and more desirous to vnderstand from yow in some particuler, howe Wee might demonstrate our desire to pleasure and gratefie yow, being one, whose actions haue confirmed to the worlde, not only your constancie and faith to your Soueraigne in tyme of greatest tryall, but also your Judgement in discerning clearelie, howe dishonorable it would be for any man of noble bloodd to yelde the least countenance and assistance to so base and malicious Rebellis. Lett these lynes therefore serue wee pray yow for this tyme, and for some other particuler giue faith to our seruant Bowes. And where Wee vnderstande that your Cousin MACLANE is much at your devotion, and one of power and commandment in those Isles of the North. Wee doe desire yow, that he may find by yow, howe well yow are disposed towardis vs, which wee doe knowe will much directe his courses, and for which Wee wilbe found most ready to requitt him. All which wee doe the more recommend to yow, because Wee are informd, that our dearest Brother the King of Scottis did deale with yow for

the fame in the prefence of one of our owne feruantis employed in Bowes his abfence. Yeouen, at our Mannor of Greenwich, the xxij^d day of Julie in the xxxvijth yere of our Raigne 1595.

Your most Assured Lovinge Coufin,

ELIZABETH R.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND RIGHT WELBELOUED
COUSIN, THE ERLE OF ARGILE.

25. KING JAMES VI. TO COLIN SEVENTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—
FEB. 8, [1604?]

JAMES R.

Richt traift coufing and counfallour. We great you wele. Being credibillie informit that the Lard of Auchinbrek, your coufing and waffall, hath as yit maid no redrefle of the oppreffionis and wrongis committit by him and his complices upoun our fchirreff of Bute, and the fewaris and tennentis of our awin propir landis within the Yle of Bute, quhilkis partlie wer confest and partlie provin aganis him in prefence of ws and our Counfale thair, and quhilkis your felff become caution a&tit in the buikis of our Secreit Counfale to fie redreffed and fatiffest; bot in forder contempt of all law and iuftice continewis fill in oppreffion and committing reiffis and fpoylis upoun our faid fchirreff and tennentis, to thair great trouble and wrak. Lyke as the

said Lard of Auchinbrek hath not yit found that forme of cautioun
 injoynt to him be ws and our Counsale, anent the keping of our
 peace and gude ordour in that our cuntrie. In respect quherof we
 haue directit our lettre to our counsale thair, to tak ordour with the
 said Larde, by directing out chairges aganis him boith for redresse
 of the said spoyles, oppreffiounis, and wrongis alreddy committit be
 him in that our Yle of Bute, and finding of sufficient cautioun for
 the indempnitie of the said sehirreff and tennentis in tyme cuning.
 And thairfoir sence ge are bund be act of Counsale as his cheiff and
 maister to mak him anfuerable to our lawes, conforme to the gene-
 rall band, that ge fail not, as ge will anfuere to ws upoun your dewitie
 and alledgeance, to entir and present him as ge salbe requirit
 thairto, befor our Counsale, to be tackin ordour with by thame as
 thai fall think expedient. And becaus we will not suffer sic enor-
 miteis and oppreffiounis to be committit vpoun our awne pair ten-
 nentis, that pais ws maill and dewitie, without examplar pvnifhe-
 ment, We haue thoct gude heirby to gif you warning, that in cais
 we heir any forder of thair oppreffioun or truble, We will impute the
 blame to you, and provyde sic remeid as fall not stand with your
 contentment. And sua wiseheing you to judge how hardlie we con-
 fait of sic vyld oppreffioun of our poore tennentis, all the rest of our
 cuntries and dominionis being so quiete as thai ar, We bid you fair-
 wele from our Honnour of Hampton the viij of Februar

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND WELBELOWED
 COWSEN AND COUNSELLOUR THE EARLE OF
 ARGYLE.

26. KING JAMES VI. TO THE EARL OF MONTROSE CHANCELLOR.—

FEB. 9, 1604.

JAMES R.

Right trusty and welbeloued Cowfen and Counfellow Wee greeete yow hartely well. Wee haue considered of the seruice of the Earle of Argyle, and finde it such as deserueth not only high commendation but speciall rewarde, whereby others may be encouraged to vndertake the like. And therefor it is our pleasour that yee enforme the rest of our counfell there, both of our good mynde towards him, and contentment which wee haue of his seruice. How and in what meafour wee are to recompense the fame wee haue not yet thought good to aduertise yow nor them, aswell in respect of other weighty affaires which wee haue in hand, as also becaufe our Seeretary of Seotland is shortlie for our seruice to be here, to whome wee will at full communicate our resolution in that point, whome wee shall likewise commaunde to imparte the fame vnto yow. Thus wee bid yow farewell. From our Pallace of Whitehall the nyth of Februarie 1604.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND WELBELOUED
COWSEN AND COUNSELLOUR THE EARLE
OF MONTROS OUR CHAUNCELOUR OF OUR
KINGDOME OF SCOTLAND.

James F

Right trusty and Wellbelov'd counsellor and counsellor^{es} we greete you
gently well. We have given consideration of the service of the countie
of Angles and finde it such as deserves not only great commendation
but speciall rewards whereby they may be encouraged to undertake
the like. And therefore it is our pleasure that you enforce the rest
of our counsell to the best of a good mynde towards them and contentment
of the more glorie of the service. You are in great measure bound
to recompense the same more glorie not yet thought good to advertise
you nor them, aswell in respect of other weighty affaires as the more
glorie in glorie had also because our secretary ^{of Scotland} is bound for our
service to be given to us some more will it full communicate our
resolution in that point to us some more shall likewise command to
impart the same unto you. This we did you farewell
from the palace of Westminster the xijth of february 1604

To our right trusty and Wellbelov'd counsellor
and counsellor^{es} the countie of Montrose
James F of the Kingdom of Scotland.



27. KING JAMES VI. TO SIR THOMAS HAMILTON OF MONKLAND,
KNIGHT, ADVOCATE, 27 DEC. 1606.

JAMES R.

It is our speciall pleafour and will, that the fummoundis and proces of forfaiture intented at your instance as our Advocatt aganis M^cCloyde of Hereis for certane speciall crymes of lese majestie and trefoun speciallye libellit in the saidis fummoundis, be continewit in this nixt enfewing fessioun of Parliament of that our kingdome, and that no proces be led thairin at that fessioun; bot the fame continewit in the same force and effect to the nixt enfewing Parliament thairafter: Quhairanent thir presentis falbe to you a sufficient warrand. Gevin at our Pallace of Whitehalle the xxvijth of December 1606.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTYE AND WEILBELOUED COUNSELLOUR SIR THOMAS HAMILTOUN OF MOUNKLAND KNIGHT OUR ADUOCATT IN OUR KINGDOME OF SCOTLAND.

28. KING CHARLES I. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—

12 JUN. 1641.

Argyll, I am informed that one Lietennant Colonell Stewart imployed heere (as it is sayd) by the Earle of Montrose, hes deponed something of his dealing with Traquaire, and that by him I should haue giuen afeurance of disposing of some vacant Places, to such perfones as was joined in a laite Band with the E. of Montrose, thereby insinuating that my jurnie to Scotland was onlie desyred and procured by Montrose and Traquaire, and lykewais that my intent there in is rather to make and forder parties, then to receaue from, and giue contentment to my Subjects: Now since that (by the grace of God) I haue resolued of my jurnie to Scotland it makes me the more curius, that my actions and intentions, be not misconceaued by my subjects there: Therefore in the first place, I thinke fitt to tell you that I intend my jurnie to Scotland for the satling of the affaires of that Kingdome, according to the Articles of the Treatie, and in such a way as may establish the affections of my People fully to me; and I am so far from intending diuision, by my jurnie, that I meane, so to establishe Peace in State, and Religion in the Churche, that there may be a happie harmonie amongst my Subjects there: Secondlie I neuer made anie particular promis, for the disposing of anie places in that Kingdome, but meanes to dispose them, for the best aduantadge of my seruice, and therein I hope to giue fatisfaction to my Subjects: And as for my Letter to Muntrose, I doe auow it, as fitt for me to wryte, bothe for the matter and the person to whome it is written, who for

Argyll, I am informed that one Licentiate Rowell Stewart employed
keere (as it is sayd) by the Earle of Monrose, has deposed something of his
dealing with Traquair, & that by him I should have given assurance
of disposing of some vacant Places, to such persones as was joined in a
late Band with the E. of Monrose, thereby insinuating that my jurnie
to Scotland was onlie desired & procured by Monrose & Traquair,
& by kenais that my intent there in is rather to make & foster par-
ties, then to receive from, & give consentment to my Subjects: Now since
that (by the grace of God) I have resolved of my jurnie to Scotland it makes
me the more curius, that my actions & insentions, be not misconceaved by
my Subjects there: Therefore in the first place, I thinke fit to tell you
that I send my jurnie to Scotland for the settling of the affaires of
that Kingdome, according to the Articles of the Treatie, & in such
a way, as may establish the affections of my People fully to me; & I
am so far from intending division, by my jurnie, that I meane, so to
establishe Peace in State, & Religion in the Church, that there may

anie thing I yet know, is no wais unworthie of such a fauor: Thus hauing cleered my intentions to you as my particular seruant, I expect, that as occasion may serue, you may helpe to cleere those mistakes of me which upon this occasion may aryse: Lastlie, for the preparations for my cuming home I doe rather mention it, to shew the constant resolution of my jurnie, then in anie dout of your diligence therein: and so I rest

Your asseured friend

WHYTHALL THE 12 OF JUNE 1641.

CHARLES R.

29. KING CHARLES I. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—

9 MAY 1642.

Argyle, this is a tyme, wherin all my seruants, that ar able and willing, will haue occasion to shew them felles; and (according as they now apeare) will approue themselves worthie, or not, of my fauor: amongest whom, as it is well knowen your power wants not to serue me, so by your large expressions, at my last being in Scotland, and hauing, by some reall testimonies, shoven the estimation that I haue of you, I cannot dout of your reddiness; and therfor I haue most particularly commanded this bearer Mungo Murray to acquaint you with the occasion of this next Counsell dayes meeting, as lykewais, which way I expect your seruice therein, of which being confident, that I shall haue a good account, I rest

Your most asseured friend

YORKE 9 OF MAY 1642.

CHARLES R.

30. ANNE OF AUSTRIA QUEEN DOWAGER OF FRANCE TO ARCHIBALD
MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—8 JUL. 1644.

Monsieur le Marquis d'Argyll. Le S^r Gray, baron de Scheues qui a esté mon domesticque, desirant se retirer en Escosse, et m'ayant fait prier de le gratifier de ma Recommandation vers Vous, Je la luy ay bien volontiers accordée sur la confiance que iay que Vous le fauriez de vostre bienveillance par ma consideration, non seulement comme Originaire d'Escosse, estant filz dun naturel Escossois, Mais encor comme nay en France et esleué a mon service : Vous asseurant que la faueur que vous luy ferez me sera si agreable, que ie prendray tousiours a plaisir de vous faire paroistre les bons sentimens qui m'en demeureront : Je prie Dieu cependant quil vous ayt Monsieur le Marquis d'Argyll, en sa seure garde. Escrit a Paris, le hui&ieme Juillet 1644.

ANNE.

A MONSIEUR

LE MARQUIS D'ARGYLL.

31. KING CHARLES I. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—

17 Nov. 1646.

NEW CASTELL, 17 *Nov.* 1646.

Argyle, I thall not troble you with publike bufinesses, not douting but that you will doe according to your professiions, wherfor this is only to recommend a particular to you which is concerning the admittance of the Earle of Traquaire to his place in Parliament, desyring you to further it what you can, which will be a courtoify much estimed by

Your most afeured reall constant frend

CHARLES R.

32. KING CHARLES I. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—

4 DEC. 1646.

NEW CASTELL 4 *De.* 1646.

Argyle, I fend you heerin clofed my Anfwer which I haue resolued to fend to London, refering you to Will Murray for showing you what use I expect you should make of it, in order to his seruice who is

Your most afeured reall constant frend

CHARLES R

33. KING CHARLES I. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.

23 DEC. 1647.

CARSBROOKE 23 *Decem*: 1647.

Argile, housoeuer, heere to fore, you and I haue differd in Judgement, I beliuie now that the present state of Affaires are such, as will make you hartely embrace my Cause, it being groundd upon those particulars that were neuer in question betweene you and me: and for those things wherein you and I yet may be of feuerall opinions, I haue giuen such satisfaction to the Scots Commifioners, that with confidence I desyre your concurrence in what hath bene agreed betweene them and me, knowing your zeale to your Country, and your many profefsions to me: as this bearer will more at large tell you, to whom referring you I rest

Your most afseured reall constant
frend

CHARLES R.

I desyre you to beliuie whatsoeuer
Traquaire will tell you in my name.

FOR THE MARQUIS OF ARGYLE.

34. HENRIETTA MARIA QUEEN OF CHARLES I. 22 JAN. 1648.

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 92: 47: faire prouster. Ce sont les subiects de

Cellecy, a quoy Je n'ay rien a adionster, que de
vous prier de m'en croire, et que Je suis véritable-
ment, Mon Cousin,

De St. Germain. ce 22.
de Jan. 1648.

Très affectionné cousin
et ami
HENRI DE LAURENT

34. KING CHARLES II. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—

14 OCT. 1652.

MY LORD,

Since both by my absence and ill fortune, I want occasion and meanes to put my selfe in any probability of giving you foe reall an acknowledgement of those respects to my person and affection to my Interests you have soe effectively shewed att my beeng in Scotland, as they deserve; I shall herewith desire your Lordship to be satisfied with the thanckfullnesse I shall ever conserve in my minde towards you, untill some good oportunity make me as capable, as I shall be ready, to shew my selfe really

Your Lordships

Most affectionate friend
to serve you

CHARLES.

HAGHE THIS 14 OF OCT. 1652.

FOR MY LORD MARQUIS OF ARGILE.

35. ORDERS BY GENERAL MIDDLETON TO ARCHIBALD LORD LORNE.

—JUL. 2, 1654.

You are heereby authorized and commanded to place a Garrifon in Castle Keth horne, and to defend and keepe the same to the utmost of your power for his Majesties service agaynst all oppositions whatsoever.

JO. MIDDLETONE.

Given under my hand At Lud
in Athol, Jul. 2, 1654.

FOR THE RIGHT HONORABLE ARCHIBALD
LORD LORNE.

You are heereby authorized and commanded to place a Garrifon in Alahalader, and to defend and keepe the same for his Majesties service to the utmost of your power agaynst all opposition whatsoever.

JO. MIDDLETONE.

Given under my hand At Lud
in Athol, Jul. 2, 1654.

FOR THE RIGHT HONORABLE ARCHIBALD
LORD LORNE.

36. LETTER TO HIS MAJESTIE (KING CHARLES II.) FROM MY LORD
LORNE HIS FREINDS.—26 JUL. 1661.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

The sone of Cresus having been dumb from his nativity, yet notwithstanding when in a battle he perceaved a foldier ready to sheath his sword in his fathers bowells, his vehement zeall for his fathers preservatione burst afunder these tyes which so far had bound up his tongue from speaking, and made him cry out for safety to his dear father. The lyke affection have laid a force upon us the Cadets, kinsmen and branches of the house of Argyle, having of that sudden desolatione and calamity that is com upon that house to break of silence, and in all humility, to represent to your Majestie the constant, uninterrupted, inbred loyalty and fidelity born by our Cheifs and our fore fathers to your Majesties royall prediccessors, which they have testified by the performances of many notable services in ages past. As in the year of Christ, 1155, when that grand rebell Somerled did conspire against his soveraign Malcome the 4th called the Maiden, raised a great army of Islanders and others, made a horrible devastatione over all the main land of this kingdome, Gilchrist then Earle of Angus, being sent by the King against him with ane army, was eminently assisted by our Cheif, his freinds, and followers: Somerled the rebell was overthrown, and forced to flie to Ireland, wher gathering a new power, returned with lyke hostility, as before, was subdued upon the river of Clyde, suffered due punishment at Glasgow, for his proud treasonable attempts.

In the year 1306, that renowned Prince King Robert Bruce, shortly after his Coronatione being routed at Meflin near Perth by Sir Emery Walleine Leivtenant Generall to King Edward the 4th of England, and forsaken of the most part of his freinds, his Queen being taken, made prisoner in the tour of London, his brethren putt into death, and the small remander of his army, which conducted him, being again routed at Strathphillan by John M^cDougall of Lorne descended from Somerled; our Cheif at that tyme Sir Neill Campbell, with a most constant loyalty adhered to King Robert in his great extreimity with his kinfinen and followers, conducting him first to Argyle, then to Kintyre; and from thence (being still followed by the said John,) unto the Isle of Raehrine near Ireland, where he wintred, and was preserved for a tyme, untill he remaffed some forces, returned the next year to the Isle of Arran; and from thence landed in Carrick, surprised the Castle of Turnberry; from thence went to Inverness, by the montanous way; and ever after did profecute his victories with many wrestlings, till in end he routed Edward the 2d of England, called Carnavan, at Bannockburn, near Stirling, delyvered Scotland from a long and cruell bondage, gott in Stirling Castle, and all the strong holds of the land, being always strongly assisted by Sir Neill Campbell our Cheif and his kinfinen, upon whom that renowned Prince bestowed his royall sifter Lady Marjorie Bruce in marriage, pat many favours and marks of his princely love upon him, and his house and children.

It was alone at this tyme, in September 1308, that these thrie valiant knights, Sir Neill Campbell, Sir Alexander Seatoun, Sir Gilbert Hay, made Indentouris, yet extant, subscribed with ther hands

and fealled with ther fealls, at the Abbay of Cambuskenneth, did bind themselves to stand to the outermost in defence of ther fove-raign King Robert against all deadly, as the Indenter bears als well French, English, as Scots.

King David Bruce succeding to his fathers crown, a child of fevin years old, in the beginning of his reign, anno 1332, then Edward Balioll, asisted by many English and French, and many Scots also, did usurp the crown of Scotland, and thereafter supported by Edward the 3d of England, forced King David to flee to France, for safety, (his partie in Scotland being brought so low,) or to have lost all the strength of the Nation, except when none durst avow King David to be king. The first chack to ther usurping authority was given by the Lord Robert Stewart his Majesties royall prediceffor, who then was very young; but in that great extremity faithfully asisted by our Cheif Sir Collen Campbell and his freinds, who by foree invaded the castle of Dunnoone in Cowell, took it in by assault. Ther good success was fortunat, and so well improven by the regents of young King David, still asisted by our cheif and his freinds, that in end, they established King David on his Throne. For the which service, this generous and kynd Prince bestowed many evidents of his royall bounty upon our cheif, as his evidents yet extant doe bear, as the heretabill keeping of this Castle, with a yearly pensione for the same; as also he did create, John Campbell son to Sir Neill, Earle of Athole.

King James the first, of eternall and blessed memory, being 18 years detained prisoner by the English, his uncle Robert Duke of Albany, and his sone Ducke Murdoch, had in the opinion of all men settled themselves in the possession of the crown, never mynding to

ranfome King James, or bring him home; yet fuch was the hereditary and inbred loyalty of our cheiff, Sir Collen Campbell, that notwithstanding of his alliance of his eldeft fone, Sir Duncan, in marriage with Lady Marjory Stewart, Duke Roberts daughter, yet he rather improved ther opportunity of freindship to the advantadge of his Sovereign, then to his of his alliance, and privat refpect, and never ceafed till he broght them to condifcend to the ranfoming and re-eftablifhing of King James on his fathers throne.

King James 2^d in his young years being redacted to great ftraits by the banding of many great men againft his authority, our Cheif, then Collen Earle of Argyll, did adhere moft constantly to his Sovereign Lord, laying out himfelf to the outmoft for bringing down fo dangerous a rebellion, and fettling the Croun in fecurity to his Sovereign. His Sone alfo Earle Archebald dyed feighting valiantly near his Sovereign Lord and Prince James the 4th in the fatall day of Floudon.

Neither is it to be over paffed that King James the 5th in his younger years, as he was to take the goverment in his own hand, was plunged into many difficulties, being croffed in his defigns by many nobles of the greateft power of this Nation, notwithstanding our Chief, Collen Earle of Argyle, flood constant and firme to the maintainance of the royall authority, and in end was made leivtennent generall of all the fouth fhyres; in which fervice afifted alwayes with his kinfman and freinds, he fo behaved himfelf, that within few dayes he brought all the kings enemies either to abfolut fubmiffion, or then to betake themfelves to banifhment out of the realme. For which fervice this king putt a high mark of favour on that. The Charter of his reward, beareth thefe words, FOR HOLDING THE CROUN UPON OUR HEAD.

Queen Mary, mother to King James the 6th of happy memory, escaping prison out of the castle of Lochlevin anno Domini 1568, being forsaken (for the most part) by the Nobilitie, in a most dangerous, backflying tyme; yet our Cheif, then Archibald Earle of Argyll, retaining his ancient inbred loyalty of that house, was not wanting to her in her great extremity, and was generall of her army, adhering still constantly thereafter to her partie, till such tyme as her sone King James came to be of considerable age and understanding, from whose authority thereafter he did never shrink.

Wee shall not vex your Majesties patience by making mention of many horrid insurrections and rebellions of Islanders, and remote mountainous men that have been broken, destroyed and overthrowen by our Cheiffs and ther freinds, and how many notorious malefactors and cruell oppressors have been brought from ther strong holds and inaccessible places, otherwayes hardly to be overtaken without great blood shed and expence, and yet have been overcome and brought by our Cheifs to ther condigne punishment. Yea we may with all confidence and credit avow, that never any of our cheifs, of the house of Argyll or other Cousins or Cadeitts have been tainted to this day with the least mark of dyloyalty or disobedience to ther soveraign lords, the kings of Scotland; but by the contrar they have alwayes been most willing, to sett themselves for bearing down the insolencie of the remote rebellious lawless men, which is much occasioned by the remotnes and distance of these places quher we live, far from the lawes and Justice, the horror of rocks, woods and mountains contributing much unto this. Let the most ancient of men be consulted, and all the progress of the history of this Nation considered, and all

that we have said shall be found to be certain and unanswerable. This moved the wisest of Princes in his time, King James of happy memory, to give this testimony of our family, that it was the fondest and most loyal family to the crown of Scotland that ever he knew.

And now, Sir, when your sacred Majesty, after so many sad sufferings, has so fully tasted of the sweet mercy of Jesus Christ, who hath lifted up your head above all your enemies round about you, by a miracle of unexampled mercy, and when you are, next God, over these kingdoms, when so Sir it shall be your glory to be like unto God, whose mercies are over all his works, remember our Chief, now in his low condition, with reference to his old progenitors, and his poor kinsmen; and as we have already said, let the most ancient and prudent be demanded, and let your registers and records be looked, and try, if ever any other family of Scotland hath done to your Majesties royal progenitors so many acceptable services in so many ages, constantly continued without any crack, backsliding or remission; then shall it be no grief to your Majesty, nor offence of heart, that you have not rooted out so loyal and so ancient a family, who in most backsliding times have still retained our loyalty and integrity, and it shall be our daily prayer to our God to make unto your Majesty and your royal posterity a fair house: and this we do all subscribe upon the knees of our heart, and our tears in our eyes, as your Majesties

Most humble and obedient Subjects & Servants.

26 Julie 1611.

From the Earl of Skynell to his Son,
on the day of his Execution: 30 June 1685.

Dear James

Ed^{le} Castle 30 June
1685

Learn to trust God it is the only way
to make you happy here & hereafter.
Love & respect my wife & children & her
advise the Lord bless you & am

Your Loving Father
M^o B^oll

For

Mr James Campbell

37. FROM THE EARL OF ARGYLL TO HIS SON ON THE DAY OF HIS
EXECUTION.—30 JUNE, 1685.

Edinburgh Castle 30 June

Deare James

85.

Learne to feare God it is the only way to make you happie heere
and heerafter Loue and respect my wiffe and hearken to her aduice
the Lord blefs you. I am

Your louing Father

ARGYLL.

FOR
MR. JAMES CAMPBELL.



APPENDIX.

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1. Charter under the Great Seal by King James III. to Colin Earl of Argyll, of the keeping of the Castle of Dunoon in Cowall.—18 Jan. 1472.

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem. Sciatis quod commissimus, et tenore presentium committimus dilecto consanguineo nostro Colino Comiti de Ergile, Domino Lorn et Cambell, Magistro hospicii nostri, custodiam castri nostri de Duvne, cum potestate constabularios, janitores, carcerum custodes, vigiles, ac ceteros Officiarios ad dicti Castri custodiam necessarios, constituendi, ac eosdem de suis officiis quotiens opus fuerit remouendi, et alios eorum loco imponendi; ac omnia alia et singula faciendi et perimplendi que ad dicti castri nostri custodiam necessaria fuerunt seu etiam oportuna. Pro cuiusquidem castri nostri custodia concessimus, et per presentes concedimus, et donamus, et pro perpetuo confirmamus eidem Colino, terras nostras de Bordlande cum pertineu, extenden, annuatim ad viginti septem marcas vsualis monete Regni nostri, jacen. in balliatu de Cowale, cum ceteris feodis ad custodiam dicti castri spectan. Tenend. et habend. custodiam dicti castri nostri de Duvne, vnacum terris de Bordlande pro custodia

eiusdem, dicto Colino et heredibus suis, de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum, cum omnibus et singulis libertatibus, commoditatibus, et assamentis, ac iustis suis pertinentiis quibuscunque, tam non nominatis quam nominatis, ad dictum officium custodie castri, et ad prefatas terras cum pertinent, spectant, seu quouismodo iuste spectare valen. in futurum, adeo libere, quiete, plenarie, integre, honorifice, bene et in pace, sine reuocatione aut retinemento nostri vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque. Reddendo inde annuatim dictus Colinus et heredes sui nobis, heredibus, et successoribus nostris, vnam rosam rubeam, apud dictum castrum, pro dictis terris et officio, in festo natiuitatis beati Johannis Baptiste, nomine albe firme, si petatur. In cuius Rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum Sigillum nostrum apponi precipimus. Testibus reuerendis in Christo patribus Thoma Episcopo Aberdonensi, &c. Apud Edinburgh, decimo octauo die mensis Januarii Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo secundo, et Regni nostri Decimo tertio.—[*Reg. Mag. Sig.* vii. 189.]

2. Letter under the Privy Seal to Archibald Earl of Argyll of the Office of Keeper of the House of Tarbat.—Aug. 22, 1499.

A Lettir maid to Archibald Erle of Ergile, Lord Campbell &c. of the keping of the hous of Tarbat, togidder with the balyery of governans of the landis of Knapdale pertening to the Kingis hienes, and als of the profitis and dewiteis pertening to the samyn, to endur for our Soveranis Lordis will &c.—Aug. 22, 1499.—[*Reg. Sec. Sig.* i. 101.]

3. Commission to Archibald Earl of Argyll of the office of Justice General within the bounds of the Lordship of the Isles.—Apr. 26, 1500.

Jacobus, &c. Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint, Salutem, Sciatis quod fecimus, constituimus et ordinavimus, ac tenore presentium facimus, constituimus, et ordinamus dilectum consiliarium et Cancellarium Archibaldum comitem de Ergile, dominum Campbell et Lorne, nostrum Locumtenentem generalem infra bondas domini nostri Insularum et terre firme ejusdem, olim Johanni Domino Insularum pertinen. Insula de Ile et duobus le Kintiris exceptis. Dan. et conceden. eidem Archibaldo, nostro Locumtenenti, nostram plenariam potestatem, et mandatum speciale, infra dictas bondas et partes, ac terras infra easdem, necnon nostros ligeos et subditos in eisdem commoran. et remanen. regulandi et gubernandi, statuta, ordinationes, et regimina inter eos pro gubernatione eorundem concedendi, &c. &c.—26 Apr. 1500 [*Reg. Sec. Sig. I.* 122.]

4. Letter under the Privy Seal to Archibald Earl of Argyll, of the office of Justice General, &c.—28 Oct. 1529.

Preceptum Litere Archibaldi Comitis Ergadie constituens eum Justiciarium Generalem infra totum regnum Scocie, ac Magistrum hospicii S. D. N. Regis pro toto tempore vite sue. Dan. et conceden, &c.—Apud Drumfreis 28 Oct. 1529.—*Reg. Sec. Sig.* VIII, 132.

5. Protection to Archibald Earl of Argyll and his friends during his absence with the King in France and until his return.—28 Aug. 1536.

Ane protectioun, respitt, saufgard, and exemptioun maid to Archibald Erle of Ergile, Lord Campbell and Lorne, his kin, freyndis, and feruandis, John Campbell of Caldour knyecht, John Campbell of Lundy knyecht, &c. &c. &c. to the nowmer of ije personis, to Indure fra the day of our Soverane Lordis departing furth of his realme quhill his returnyng agane within the samyn and xl dais thereafter. Excmand thame and ilkane of thame fra all anfuering and compering before quhatsumever Juge or Jugcis spirituale or temporale during the said space &c. At Stirling 28 August 1536 *Per Signaturam*— [Reg. Sec. Sig. x, 153, 157.]

6. Letter under the Privy Seal to Archibald Earl of Argyll, of the office of principal Keeper of the forest of Mammyllorne in Braidalbane.—Dec. 30. 1541.

Ane Letter maid to Archibald Erle of Ergile, Makand him principale kepar of our Soverane Lordis forest of Mammyllorne in Braidalbane, during our said Soverane Lordis will; With power to him to mak and depute under him fervandis and keparis of the sammyn, and thame to remove, output and Input als oft as he pleis &c. At Edinburgh the penult day of December the geir of God I^m V^c xli geris.—*Per Signaturam* [Reg. Sec. Sig. xv. 67.]

7. THE TESTAMENT DATIVE and Inventar of the Guidis, Geir &c. pertening to Archibald Earl of Argyll.—Sept. 1573.

The Testament datiuē and Inuentar of the guidis geir foumes of money and dettis pertening to vñquhile ane nobill and michtie lord Archibald erle of Argile Lord Campbell and Lorne Chancellor of Scotland the tyme of his deceis Quha deceift in the moneth of September the geir of God I^m V^c lxxiiij geiris ffaithfullie maid and gevin vp be ane nobill and potent Lord Coline erle of Argile Lord Campbell and Lorne his bruther and execentour datiuē decernit to him be decretit of the Commissaris of Edinburgh as the fame of the dait the viij day of May the geir of God I^m V^c lxxvj geris at lenth proportis.

IN the first the said vñquhile nobill and michtie Lord had the guidis geir foumes of money and dettis of the avale and prices efter following pertening to him the tyme of his deceis foirfaid viz. in vtencilis and domicilis with filuer wark by the airschip estimat to the foume of foure hundreth pundis.

Suma of the Inuentar iiij^c lib.

Followis the dettis awand to the Deid.

Item thair wes awand to the said vñquhile nobill and michtie Lord be his tennentis respectiue eftir following for thair half fermes of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxiiij geris viz. be his tennentis of Lorne for thair half fermes of the crope foirfaid lvi bollis mele price of the boll xxiiij s̄. Summa lvij lib. iiij s̄. Item awand be the tennentis of Argile for thair half fermes lxxiiij bollis mele price of the boll xxiiij s̄. Summa lxxxviiij lib. xvj s̄. Item awand be the ten-

nentis within the boundis of Cowall lx bollis mele price of the boll
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 iiij đ. Summa xl lib. Item awand be the tennentis of Menftrie fex
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 xvj bollis ferme mele price of the boll xxiiij š. Summa xix lib. iiij š.
 Item mair ane chalder quheit price of the boll xl š. Summa xxxij lib.
 Item awand be the tennentis of Lorne xv bollis beir price of the boll
 xxxiiij š. iiij đ. Summa xxv lib. Item be the tennentis of Argyle xx
 bollis beir price of the boll xxxiiij š. iiij đ. Summa l merkis Item
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 faid Summa j^e merkis Item awand be the tennentis of Lorne Cowall
 and Argile for thair Witfounday termes male *in anno* foirfaid lxxvj lib.
 xiiij š. iiij đ. Item awand of male martis and in the Bowhoufis fevin
 feoir martis price of the pece ourheid iiij lib. Summa v^e lx lib. Item
 awand be the tennentis of Argile Cowall Lorne and Campbell fex
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 Item awand be the tennentis of the baroneis of Munkert Dollour and
 Menftrie for thair faid Witfounday males thrie feoir nyne pundis fex
 fehillingis aucht penneis Item awand be Schir James Hammiltoun
 for the efehete gudis and restis of Robert fumtyme Bifchop of Dun-
 keld the foume of twa hundreth and fourtie pundis.

Summa of the dettis awand to the deid I^m j^e xij lib. iiij š.

Summa of the Inuentar with the dettis II^m xij lib. iiij š.

To be deuiddit in twa pairtis The deidis pairt is I^m vj lib. ij š.

Quhairof the quot is componit for xl lib.

8. THE TESTAMENT TESTAMENTAR and Inventar of the Guidis Geir &c. pertening to vmquhile Lord Colline Erle of Argyll &c. Justice Generall of Scotland, and Latter Will of the said Erle.—5 Sept. 1584.

The Testament Testamentar and Inuentar of the guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis pertening to vmquhile ane noble and potent Lord, Collene Erle of Argyll, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellor and Justice Generall of Scotland &c. at the tyme of his deceife, quha deceift in the place of Darneway, vpoun the tent day of September, the geir of God I^m V^e lxxxiiij geiris ffaythfullie maid and gevin vp be ane nobill and potent Lady, Dame Annas Keyth, Countes of Argyle, his reliēt spous, quhome the said vmquhile nobill and potent Lord nominat and constitut his onlie executrix and intromeffatrix, with his hail guidis and geir, &c. In his Latter Will vnderwritten, of the dait at Darneway the fyft day of September, the geir of God foirfaid, as the samyn, subferiuit be the said vmquhile nobill Lordis awin hand, witneffis, vnderwrittin at lenth proportis.

In the first, the said vmquhile noble and potent Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancler and Justice Generall of Scotland, &c. had the guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis of the awaill and prices efter following, pertening to him the tyme of his deceife foirfaid, viz. vpoun the ground and landis of within the bowhouffis of Argyle, pertening to the said vmquhile noble and potent Lord, xv feoir ky, price of the pece ourheid vii. vj s. viij d. Summa I^m vj^c xi. Item, vpoun the ground and landis of

Campbell, thrie hundreth wedderis, price of the pece ourheid xx s. Summa iij^c lx li. Item, in filuer wark by the airfchipe, tua filuer baffingis, tua laweris, aucht filuer coupis, thrie filuer faltfattis, tuelf trunfcheouris of filuer, tua filuer flackonnes, faxtene filuer fpoynes, thrie hornes fet with filuer, anc mafcer, tua filuer fuitis with thair coueris, extending in wecht to xx pund wecht of filuer wark, price of the vnec wecht xl s̄. Summa vj^c xl li money. Item, in Campbell, auchtene pece of tapeftrie, by the airfchipe, eftimat and extending to the foume of tua hundreth li. Item, in vtencilis and domiciles with armour within the places of Darneway, Campbell, Dennvne, and Inuerairray, with the abuilgementis and ornamentis of the faid vmquhile nobill lordis body, by the airfchipe, eftimat and extending be juft calculatioun to the fowme of viij^c lxvi li. xiii s̄. iiij d.

Summa of the Inuentar iij^m vj^c lxxvj li. xiiij s̄. iiij d.

Na dettis awand to the faid vmquhile noble and potent Lord.

Followis the dettis awand be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lord.

Item, thair was awin be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellar and Justice Generall of Scotland, &c., to vmquhile Dame Jane Cwninghame, auld Lady of Argyle, for ane annuelrent furth of the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lordis landis of Baquhen and Boquhoppell, reften the Mertymes terme *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxiiij geiris and Witfounday terme *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxiiij geiris, the fowme of iij^c iij li. vj s̄. viij d. Item, mair to Mr. Neill Campbell, bifchope of Argyle, for the teynd of Dennvne *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxiiij geiris, the fowme of j^c li. Item, awin to the King his Majestie for the few male of Argyle *in*

anno I^m V^c lxxxiiiij ȝeiris the fowme of j^c li. Item, awin to the King his Majestie, for the few maill of Teilling *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxiiiij ȝeiris, the fowme of thriefoir vi li. xiiij ſ. iiij d̄.

Summa of the dettis awin be the said vinqhile nobill and potent Lord vj^c li.

Restis of frie geir the dettis deducit, iij^m lxxvj li. xiiij ſ. iiij d̄.

To be deuidit in thrie pairtis. The deidis

pairt is, j^m xxij li. iiij ſ. v d̄.

Quhair of the Quot is componit for xl li.

Followis the said vinqhile noble and potent Lordis Legacie and Latter vill.

AT DARNEWAY, the fyft day of September, the ȝeir of God I^m V^c fourfoir four ȝeiris. The quhilk day ane noble and myehtie Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellor and Justice Generall of this realme, maid his Legacie and Latter Will as efter followis, That is to say,—I Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellor and Justice Generall of this realme, being feik in body and haill in mynd, lewis my faull to the eternall Fader of hevin, and my banes to be bureit be my freindis in the Colledge kirk of Kilmun. Nixt I leif my sone Archibald, with his haill kin and freindis, to the protectioun and mentenance of my Maister, the Kingis Maieftie, quhome I maist humble craif to accept in his gracious mentinance, and that in respect of the trew seruice my predecessoris hes done, and that I was willing to do, gif God spairit my dayis, and ordanis my said sone and his freindis, to remane trew and

constant ferwandes vnto his hienes, as he and thai will deferue my bliffing. Item, I leif my spous, Dame Annas Keyth, tutrix testamentar vnto my fone Archibald, and that during his minoritie, and alse I leif my faid spous, my onlie executrix and intromeffatrix with my haill guidis and geir. Item, I leif my fone Colene in the gournament of Dougall Campbell of Auchinbrek, and efter him to my faid spous, induring the tyme of his minoritie, and seho be intromeffatrix with his haill leving, and to put the famyn to his vtilitie and proffeit as seho will anfuer unto God. Item, I leif my dochter Annas in the gournament of hir moder, and to be brocht vp be hir; and gif it pleis God to bring hir to the perfectioun of mariage, to be sett fordwart be my fone Archibald and his freindis, quhom I ordane to pay hir tocher. Item, it is my will that my fone Colling haif na pairtage of geir, infycht or outfycht, except famekle as is vpoun his awin rowmes plenefit, that is now in my poffeffion, nor git the faid Annas to acclame ony pairtag of the faid geir, bot that the haill vndevydit, except my wifis pairt, remane with my fone Archibald, and that in respect he man pay the tocher of my faid dochter Annas, and help and mentene my faid fone Collene, be adwyse of his freindis vnderwritin. Item, becaus the burding wilbe havie to my faid spous to reull and governe the cuntrie of Argyll and Lorne &c induring the tyme of my fonis minoritie I will and ordane to be adjunit with hir in that behalfe, the intromiffioun of geir allanerlie except, thir perfounes following conjunctlie, that is to say, Duncane Campbell of Glenvrquhy, Dougall Campbell of Auchinbrek, Johne Campbell of Calder, James Campbell of Arkinglafs comptrollar, Archibald Campbell of Lochingell, and Mr. Neill Campbell Bifchope of Argyll, quhais

counfall my said spous fall follow in all thingis concerning the weil of my sone and his cuntre; and that na subfcription be maid towart the reffaweing of tennentis, diftribution of geir, or vther mater of importance, but the fubfcription of thir thrie of the faidis perfounes, or ony tua of thame, to wit, James Campbell of Ardkinglafs, Johne Campbell of Calder, and Mr. Neill Campbell Bifchope of Argyll, as men maift eweift and acquent with the effairis of the cuntrie. Item, I leif and ordanes my fax freindis foirfaidis, with aduife of my said spous, to modifie ane lewing to Collene Campbell, zounger sone naturall to my broder vmquhile Archibald Erle of Argyll, and that the said Collene vfe and follow thar counfall in all thingis; and fielyke, that his fister Jane Campbell be fett fordwart to hir mariage, and hir tocher payit, according to my promeis, be my sone Archibald and his freindis. And alfe I leif Elfpeth Campbell, naturall dochter to my vmquhile broder, Archibald Erle of Argyll, to my sone, and to be fett fordwart in hir mariage be him and my freindis foirfaidis. Item, I leif my said spous to ask and craif all maner of dettis awand to me, and fielyke to pay all maner of dettis that mycht be iuftlie craift of me; becaus I am nocht of memorie that is awand to me, nor quhat I am awand to vtheris. Item, I leif my haill fervandis to be payit of thair feallies and rewairdis honeftlie at the fycht of my wyff and freindis foirfaid, as thai will anfuere to God at the latter day. And this, my latter will and testament, I mak manifet. In witnes quhair of I haif fubferyvit the famyn with my awin hand, day, geir and place foirfaid, and befor thir witneffes, Sir James Campbell of Ardkinglafs knyecht Comptrollar to our Souerane Lord, Thomas Tutour of Louett, Thomas Mafter of Boyd, Mr. Dougall Campbell Dene of Briehen, George

Dumbar of Auflek, Alexander Stewart of Ballochmertene, and Johne Ogftoun feruitour to the faid noble lord, and Collene Leithe, with vtheris diuerfe. Sic fubferibitur Argyle, Ja. C. Arkinglaf, Thomas Frafer of Knoky witnes, M. D. Campbell witnefs, Thomas Boyd witnefs, Alex^r Stewart witnefs, George Dumbar, Collene M^cCleithe of Craiginterf, Johne Ogftoun witnefs.

At Darneway the viij day of September, the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxiiij geiris in prefens of the witneffis vnder writtin, thay ar to fay, Duncane Campbell of Glenvrquhy, James Campbell of Arkinglaf, Collene Leithe, James Keyth, Mr. Dougall Campbell Dene of Brechen, and Johnne Ogftoun, I, Colene Erle of Argyle Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellor and Juftice Generall of this realme, being feik in body and hail in mynd, ratifeis and appreis my Latter will and testament, quhilk is maid and fubferyvit be me at Darneway the fyft day of September, the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxiiij geiris, in all pointis and heidis contenit thairin, with this addiffioun to be eikit thairto: That albeit, I haif left and ordanit my fpous, Dame Annas Keyth, tutrix testamentar vnto my fone Archibald induring his minoritie, and alfua intromeffatrix with my hail guidis and geir, and executrix thairof; git gif it falhappin, as God forbid, my faid fpous to inlaik induring the tyme of my fonnes faid minoritie, or that fcho happin to marie or be cuppled to ane husband, but the adufe and confent of Duncane Campbell of Glenvrquhy, Dougall Campbell of Auchinbrek, Johnne Campbell of Calder, James Campbell of Ardinglaf, Archibald Campbell of Lochingell, and Mr. Neill Campbell Bifchope of Argyle, or of the maift pairt of thame; in that case,

I will that scho haif na forder place to occupy the saidis offices of tutrix and executrix, bot that the said Mr. Neill Campbell Bischope of Argyll enter as tutour testamentar vnto my sone and executour vnto me, quhome I admit and chesis in hir place and rowme, and the said Mr. Neill to mak compt and rakkining of all his intromiffioun to my freindis foirsaid, sua that the samyn may be furtheumand to the vtilitie and proffeit of my sonne; and gif it fallhappin that my said spous remane tutrix and intromessatrix with my said sonnes lewing, that scho bestow the proffeit and exereffance thairof quhilk remanis over his awin chargis and the chargis of his effairs to his vtilitie and proffeit, aither be reparatioun of his houffis or vtherwayis, be adwyse of the freindis foirsaid, as scho will anfuere vnto God. Alua, gif my said spous inlaik be deceise allanerlie, I will that the tutorie and government of my secund sonne Collene becum into the handis of Alexander Bischope of Brechen, quhome I admit and chesis tutour vnto him during the tyme of his minoritie, in case of my said spous inlaik as said is, and to intromet with his leving; and that he fall mak compt of his intromiffioun to my freindis foirsaid, quhilk salbe furtheumand to my said sonne Collene his vtilitie and proffeit, and bestowit be adwyse of my saidis freindis. Attour in case of inlaik of my wyf, as said is, I leif the gouernament of my dochter Annas vnto the said Johne Campbell of Calder, and to his wyf, hir modir syster, with the intromiffioun of hir hail leving that scho hes or may fall vnto hir, quhilk thai fall put to hir vtilitie and proffeit, as thai will anfuere to God, and thai to be comptabill for the same to the freindis foirsaid. And siclyke, I ordane that na subscripcioun of ressaung of tennentis be maid, or distributioun of geir, or any vther mater of importance,

but the advyis of Duncane Campbell of Glenvrquhy, Johne Campbell of Calder, and James Campbell of Arkinglas. And now, laft of all, I leif my fone Archibald to be brocht vp be his mother and my freindis in the feir of God; and ordanis and willis him and thame that thai neuer fuarf nor fehrink bak frome the treu religioun of Jefus Cryft profefsit and prechit within this realme, bot that thai, with thair hodeyis and guidis, mantene and fett forward the famin to the vttermeft of thair poweris in all places, fpecialie within the boundis of Argyle and Lorne; and that thai hald hand to the Kirk and Ministeris in pvnifhing of vices, according to the ordour admittit and reflaut in the kirk within the faidis boundis, as thai will deferue the bliffing of the eternale God, and myne. And this, my lattere and laft will, I mak manifest. In witnes quhairof I and my faid fpons, with the witnetis foirfaidis, hes fubferiuit the famyn with our handis, day, geir and place foirfaid. Sic fubferibitur Argyle, Ja. C. Arkinglas, Duncane Campbell of Glenvrquhy witnes, James Keyth witnes, Johne Ogftoun witnes.

We, Mr. Johne Prefstoun, &c. be the tennour heirop, ratifies, appreuis, and confermis this present Testament or Inventar, infafar as the famyn is deuly and lauchfullie maid, of the guidis and geir foirfaidis allanerlie; and geuis and committis the intromiffioun with the famin to the faid Dame Annas Keyth, onlie executrix testamentar nominat be the faid vmquhill nobill Lord. referuand compt to be maid be her thairof, as accordis of the law. And fcho being fworne maid faith treulie to exerce the faid office, and hes fundin caution. that the guidis and geir foirfaidis falbe furtheumand to all pairteis haifand intres as law will, as ane a& maid thairvpoun beiris.

9. Letter under the Privy Seal by King James VI. Ratifying the above Testament, &c.—2 October 1584.

ANE LETTER maid, Makand mention That oure fouerane Lord, remembering the thankfull and gude seruice of vmquhile Coline Erle of Ergile, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellare and Justice Generall of this realme, continewit alwayis to his departing from this lyfe in Godis feir and his hienes trew obedience, leving fingulare taikines of his luif, affectioun and treuth toward his Maieftie, and committing the cair, faulfgaird, and proteclioun of his young sone, hous, and freindis vnder God vnto his hienes his Maieftie, accepting in gude pairt, and allowing of the latter will of his said vmquhile coufing, and special confidence reposit in his Majestie, Thairfore Ratificand, apprevand, and for his hienes and his successeours perpetuallie confirmand, the Testament and Latter Will maid be the said vmquhile Erle of Ergile, the constitutioun of the tutorie testamentare to his bairnis and posteritie, and order left and appointit for government of his hous affairis, euntreis and offices during the minoritie and less aige of his sone and apperand air, and remanent bairnis; and willis and grantis and for his hienes and his successeouris decernis and declairis that the said Latter Will and Testament, the said tutorie testamentare, and the foirsaid order and directioun contenit thairin, fall remane firme and immutabill, according to the will and mynde of the defunct, taikand his rycht traift coufing Archibald now Erle of Ergile, the sone, air, and successeour of his said vmquhile rycht traift coufing. Dame Annas Keith his relict, thair bairnis, counfallouris, and freindis, appointit for the government of his hous, thair affairis, actiounis,

cauffis, landis, heretageis, honouris, offices, levingis, poffeffionis, guidis, and geir, vnder his hienes firme peax fupplie, maintenance, protection, defence, and faulfgaird, to be vnhurt, vnharmit, vnmoleffit, troublit, or in ony wyfe perfewit vtherwyfe then be the ordinare lawis and courfe of Juftice of the realme; and gevis and committis vnto thame full power and authoritie to execute and fet furdwart his hienes authoritie in all thingis tending to the gude and quiet government of the cuntreis, boundis, and pepill being vnder the jurifdictioun and rewle of the faid Erle of Ergile, according to the lawis and lovable cuftomes of this realme, and the liberteis, priuilegeis, and commiffionis grantit to his foirbearis, and conforme to the generall bandis and orders agreed vnto, and fubferiuit be the baronis and landit men of Ergile, and vtheris the faid Erlis boundis of auld, for the keiping of publiçt quietnes and ftancheing of the intolence of lynmaris and malefactouris in tyme bygane; quhilkis his hienes willis and declaris to ftand in full effeçt and force during the minoritie and lefs aige of the faid Archibald, now Erle of Ergile, &c. With command thairin to officiaris of arnes to mak publiçtation of the fame be oppin proclamation at thair mercat croces of the heid burrowis of this realme, and vtheris places neidfull; and to command and charge all and findrie his hienes liegis, that nane of thame prefume or tak vpoun hand to do or attempt ony thing tending to the violatioun or prejudice of this his hienes declairit will, protection, and faulfgaird, as thai will anfuer to his Maieftie at thair bettir maift charge and perrell, and vnder all hieaft pane, charge and offence &c. At Haliernidhous, the fecund day of October, I^m V^e lxxxiiij geiris.

Per Signaturam.

10. THE TESTAMENT TESTAMENTAR and Inventar of the Guidis, Geir, Sowmes of Money, and dettis pertening to umquhill Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, reliēt of umquhile Archibald Erle of Argyle &c. &c.—7 Jan. 1587.

The Testament Testamentar and Inuentar of the guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis pertening to vmquhile ane nobill and potent Ladie Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. the tyme of hir deceis, quha deceiffit in the Cannogait befyd Edinburgh vpoun the sevint day of Januar the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, faythfullie maid and gevin vp be Katrene Hamiltoun hir feruitrix, spous to Capitane James Bruce in the Cannogait, quhome the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie nominat, maid, and constitut hir onlie executrix testamentar and onlie intro-meffatrix with hir hail guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis &c. in hir latterwillis vnderwrittin, of the daitis at Edinburgh and the Cannogait the faxt day of May, the tuentic-fax day of December, and fyft day of Januar respectiue the geir of God foirfaid, as the samyn at lenth proportis.

In the first, the faid vmquhile Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. had the guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis of the awaill and prices efter following pertening to hir as hir awin proper guidis and geir the tyme of hir deceis foirfaid viz. Item of cungeit gold in poise ij^c and xxx crounes of the

foune, price of the pece ourheid l ſ. Summa v^c lxxv lib. Item mair xvj angell nobillis, price of the pece ourheid iiij lib. Summa lxiiij lib. Item mair xvj doubill doucattis, price of the pece ourheid vj lib. Summa lxxxxvj lib. Item ane Portingall doucat, price thairof xxx lib. Item tua roſe nobillis, price of the pece ourheid vij lib. Summa xiiij lib. Item ane pece of gold callit ane ſouerane, price thairof xiiij lib. Item of reddy ſiluer the ſowme of ij^c vij lib. money. Item in ſiluer wark thriefcoir ten vnce wecht, price of the vnce ourheid xl ſ. Summa j^c xl lib. Item in gold ſmyth wark ane cheingie of gold and fyve ſcoir ſax buttounes of gold brokin wark weyand all xvj vnce wecht of gold, price of the vnce ourheid xx lib. Summa ij^c xx lib. Item in vtencilis and domicilis with the abuilgementis of hir bodie eſtimat and extending to the ſowme of ane hundreth merkis money. Item ane tablet of gold and ane gold ring weyand ane vnce and ane half vnce wecht, price of the vnce xx lib. Summa xxx lib.

Summa of the Inuentar with the dettis I^m v^c lvj lib. xiiij ſ. iiij d.

Followis the dettis awin to the ſaid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady

ITEM thair was awin to the ſaid vmquhile nobill and potent lady Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, reli& of vmquhile ane nobill and potent lord Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. be George Home Laird of Broxmouthe for his ferme and dewtie of the ſaid vmquhile nobill Ladyis conjun& ſie landis of Me-kill and Littill Pincartounes of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris xx chalderis wiſtuall quhairof ten chalderis quheit at v

lib. the boll, and ten chalderis beir at iiij lib. the boll. Summa I^m iiij^c xl lib. Item awin be James Lord Ogilwie for the fermes of the landis of Farnell of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris xvi chalderis of victuall, half beir, half meill, price of the boll ourheid iiij lib. Summa I^m xxiiij lib. money. Item mair awin be the faid George Home of Broxmouthe for the dewtie of the faidis landis of Pinkartoun *in anno* foirfaid xxv bollis aittis, price of the boll iij lib. Summa lxxv lib.

Summa of the dettis awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady extendis to . . . ij^m v^c xxxix lib.

Summa of the Inuentar with the dettis iiij^m lxxxv lib. xiiij^s. 4 d.

Followis the dettis awin be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady.

ITEM thair was awin be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. to William Cockie goldfmyth burges of the Cannogait for ane geiris maill of the Ludgeing in the Cannogait occupyit be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris the fowme of liij lib. vj^s. viij d. Item awin to Mathew Hammiltoun gentilman feruitour to the faid nobill Ladie for his geiris fie the fowme of xxvi lib. xiiij^s. iiij d. Item awin to Marioun Bruce feruitrice to the faid vmquhile nobill Ladie for hir geiris fie the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij^s. iiij d.

Summa of the dettis awin be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie extendis to j^c vj lib. xiiij^s. iiij d.

Reftis of frie geir, the dettis deducit, ij^m ix^c lxxxix lib.

Na diuifoun.

Quhair of the quot is componit for j^c merkis.

Followis the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladyis Legacie
and Latter Will.

BE IT KEND till all men be thir prefent lettres We Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle being now at the plefour of almychtie God feiklie and difeifit in our perfone, bot hail in fpreit, thankis to God thairfoir, and feing thair is nathing mair certane than deith nor mair uncertane nor the tyme, willing thairfoir in the meyne tyme to prowyd our warldlie effairs in caife of our deceife at the gud plefour of God; Thairfoir to haif nominat maid and conftitut, and be the tennour heirof nominatis, makis, and conftitutis our weilbelouit ferutrice, and maift fpeciall friend Katrene Hammiltoun, fpous to Capitane James Bruce, our irreuocabill executrice, and onlie intromeffatrix with all and fundrie our guidis, geir, dettis, infycht plenneffing, and vtheris quabfumewer pertening to us be onie maner of way, leifand and difponand the famyn to hir *per liberam Difpofitionem inter vivos*, and that in recompence of hir trew and faythfull feruice done to ws thir monie geiris bygane, and for fatiffa&tioun of all maner of fowmes, dettis, fies, and vtheris that we ar auchtand to hir for ony occafion bygane, with power to hir to intromet with, vptak, afk, craif, and reffau the famyn, vfe and difpone thairvpoun as hir awin proper guidis and geir at hir plefour. And this to all and findrie quhome it effeiris we make it knawin be thir prefentis, fubferyvit with our handis at Edinburgh the faxt day of May the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvii geiris, befoir thir witneffes Mr. Henry

M^cCalgean of Cliftounhall aduocat, Mathew Hammiltoune, and Mr. George Makiefone noter publiēt heirto requyrit, *Sic subscribitur* Countes of Argyle, Mr. Henry M^cCalgeane witnes, with my hand, Mathew Hammiltoun of Achinlochane witnes. *Eodem die suprascript., menseque et anno predict., et coram testibus prenominitis, dict. Katherina Hammiltoun super singulis premissis a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri peciūt instrumentum in vberiori forma extenden., horam circiter quartam post meridiem. Ita est Georgius M^cKiefone notarius publicus in premissis rogatus manu sua.*

Wpoun the xxvj day of December, the geir of God I^m V^o lxxxvij geiris, I noter publiēt vnderwrittin, at command of ane honorabil Lady, Dame Jane Stewart, Countes of Argyle, in prefens of the witneffis vnder specifeit, oppinlie red hir testament, dewyfe, and Latterwill, nominating and constituand hir weilbelouit feruitrice Katrene Hammiltoun spous to Captane James Bruce, hir onlie executrix and intromeffatrix, with all hir guidis and geir, as the said testament, subferyvit with the said Dame Janes awin hand, of the dait at Edinburgh the faxyt day of May, the geir of God I^m V^o lxxxvij geiris, at mair lenth proportis; And the said Dame Jane approffit the said testament to be gude, and to haif irreuocabill strenth and effe&: Thairfoir the said Dame Jane Stewart requyrit and commandit the said Katrene Hammiltoun to gif and delyuer to Dame Marie Stewart maistres of Gray tua gounes, viz. ane of clayth of gold, and the vther of blak weluot, pasmentit with pasmentis of gold, and ane pair of muist beidis of gold. For the whilkis the said Dame Jane willit and commandit the said Dame Marie Stewart to be alfe gude, and to satiffie the said Katrene Hammiltoun. Wharvpoun the said Katrene Hammiltoun

askit instrumentis ane or ma fra me, noter publi&t vnderwrittin. And this was done in the said Dame Jane Stewart hir awin Ludgeing in the Cannogait, day and geir foirsaid, at nyne houris efternone or thairby of the said day, befor thir witnesfes, Mr. John Layng keipar of our Souerane Lordis signet, and Eduard Kincaid his feruand, William Cocky goldfmyth burges of Edinburgh, James Maitland vncler to Johne Maitland of Auchincaffill, Mathew Hammiltoun of Auchinlochane, and John Broun feruand to the said Dame Marie, callit and requyrit heirto. *Sic subscribitur. Ita est vt premittitur Magister Jacobus Maitland notarius publicus, teste signo meo et subscriptione manuali.*

Wpoun the fyft day of Januar, the geir of God I^m V^e lxxxvij geiris. In prefens of me noter publi&t, and witnesfes vnder writtin, Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, being as appeirit to me feik in bodie and hail in spreit, and perfyt in remembrance, appreifit, affermit, and baid at the frie gift and liberall dispositioun of all hir guidis, geir, and Latterwill, whairof the tennour followis: BE it Kend till all men be thir present lettres, We Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle. being now at the plesour of Almychtie God feiklie and difeisit in our persoune bot hail in spreit, thankis be to God thairfoir; And feing thair is nathing mair certane than deith, nor mair incertan than the tyme; Willing thairfoir, in the meane tyme, to prouyde our wardlie effaires in caise of our deceife at the gude plesour of God, thairfoir to haif maid, nominat, and constitut, and be the tennour heirof nominatis, makis, and constitutis our weilbelouit feruitrice, and maist spciall friend Katrene Hammiltoun, spous to Capitane James Bruce, irreuocabill executrix, and onlie intromessatrix with all and findrie

our guidis, geir, dettis, infycht pleneſing, and vtheris quhatſumewer pertening to ws be onie maner of way, leiſand and diſponand the ſamyn to hir *per liberam diſpoſitionem inter vivos*; and that in recompence of hir trew and thankfull ſervice done to ws thir mony geiris bygane, and for ſatiſſactioun of all maner of ſowmes, dettis, ſies, and vtheris that we ar auchtand to hir for onie occaſioun bygane; with power to hir to intromet with, vptak, ask, craif, and reſſaue the ſamyn, uſe and diſpone thairvpoun as hir awin proper guidis and geir at hir pleſour. And this to all and findrie quhome it effeiris we mak knawin be thir preſentis, ſubſcryvit with our hand at Edinburgh the ſaxt day of May, the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris befor thir witneſſis, Mr. Henry M^cCalgean of Cliftounhall aduocat, Mathew Hammiltoun, and Mr. George Makieſoune noter publi^ct, heirto requyrit.

Sic ſubſcribitur Countes of Argyle, Mr. Henry M^cCalzane witnes with my hand, Mathew Hammiltoun of Auchinlochane witness. Eodem die ſupradict^o, meſeque et anno predict^o., et coram teſtibus prenomiſatis, dicta Katherina Hammiltoun ſuper ſingulis premiſſis a me notario publico, ſubſcripto ſibi fieri peccit instrumentum in vberiori forma extenden., horum circiter quartam poſt meridiem. Ita eſt Georgius Makieſone notarius publicus in premiſſis rogatus manu ſua. Maid to Katrene Hammiltoun hir weilbelouit ſeruitrice, and ſpous to Capitane James Bruce, to be gude, valid and effectuell, and wald on nawayis alter the ſamyn nor na pairt theirow vtherwayis nor ſcho had done vpoue the ſext and tuentie day of December in this infant geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, befor me noter publi^ct, conforme till hir vther Latter Will than maid, quhilk ſcho alſua ratifeit, and reuokit all vtheris; and theirfoir willit the ſaid Katrene to do as the ſaid Dame

Jane had commandit. Quhairvpoun the said Katrene askit instrumentis ane or ma fra me noter publi& vnder writtin. And this was done in the said Dame Janes ludgeing in William Cockyis foirland in the Cannogait, day and geir foirfaid at xj houris befoir nvne of the said day or thairby, Befoir thir witneffis George Home of Broxmouthe, Thomas Flemyng burges of Edinburgh, William Nisbet of Newtoun-Leis and William Clarkfone in Pincartoun, callit and requyrit heirto. *Sic subscribitur. Ita est ut premittitur magister Jacobus Maitland notarius publicus, teste signo meo et subscriptione manuali.*

We Mr. John Prestoun, &c. be the tennour heirof Ratifeis appreis and confermis this present Testament and Inuentar, in safar as the samyn is deulie and laulie maid, of the guidis and geir aboue speci- feit allanerlie, and geis and committis the intromission with the samyn to the said Katrene Hammiltoun onlie executrix testamantar to the said unquhile Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, referuand compt to be maid be hir therof as accordis of the law; and scho being fworne, hes maid fayth treulie to exerce the said office, and hes fundin caution that the gudis and geir foirfaidis salbe furthcumand to all parteis haifand interes as law will, as ane act maid therupoun beiris.

11. THE TESTAMENT DATIVE, and Inventar of the Guidis, Geir &c. pertening to umquhile Dame Annas Keyth, Countas of Argyle and Murray, reli&t of umquhile Colene Erle of Argyle &c.—16 Jul. 1588.

The Testament datiuē, and Inuentar of the guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis pertening to vmquhile ane rycht honourabill and potent Ladie Dame Annas Keyth, Countes of Argyle and Murray, reli&t of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. the tyme of hir deceis, quha deceiffit in the toun of Edinburgh vpoun the xvj day of July the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxviij geiris, ffaythfullie maid and gevin vp be ane nobill and potent Lord Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, hir lauchfull sone, Colene Campbell of Lundie hir seund sone, and Maistres Anna Campbell hir lauchfull dochter, executouris datiuēs decernit to thair said vmquhile moder be decretit of the Commisseries of Edinburgh, and onlie acceptaris of the said office in and vpoun tham, with adwyse of James Keyth their factour and chalmerlane, haifing commiffioun and power for his enterefs, as the samyn decretit of the dait at Edinburgh the tent day of November the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxix geiris at lenth proportis; becaus Dame Elizabeth Stewart Countes of Murray, lauchfull dochter to the said vmquhile nobill Ladie, the vther executrix datiuē decernit to hir, is be decretit of the Commisseries of Edinburgh secludit fra the said office of executrie vpoun the xxvj day of Junij the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxxi geiris, as the samyn at lenth beiris.

In the first, the said vmquhile nobill and potent Lady Dame Annas

Keyth, Countes of Argyle and Murray, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. had the guidis geir, fowmes of money, and dettis of the awaill and prices efter following pertening to hir as hir awin proper guidis and geir the tyme of hir deceis foirfaid viz. Item in vtencilis and domicilis with filuer wark and abuilgementis of the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladyis bodie eftimat and extending be juft calculatioun to the fowme of thrie hundreth threttie thrie pundis vj ſ. viij d.

Summa of the Inuentar, iij^c xxxij lib. vj ſ. viij d.

FOLLOWIS the Dettis awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady.

Item, ther was awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie Dame Annas Keyth, Countes of Argyle and Murray, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, &c. be George Dunbar of Afklick chammerlane of the erledome of Murray for the half filuer maillis of the fifchings of Spey, reften of the croppis and geiris of God I^m V^c lxxxvj and lxxxvij geiris, reften the fowme of ij^m iij^c xiiij lib. iij ſ. x d. Item, awin be William M^cKendowie perfone of Affent, chalmerlane to the faid nobill Ladie, of the landis of Pettie, Braichlie, Stratherne, and Stranarne, the fowme of ij^c lx lib. money. Item, awin to the faid vmquhile nobill Ladie be Alexander Stewart of Ballachmertyne hir feruand and takkifman for his tak of the toun and landis of Quhytemyre, of the croppis and geiris of God I^m V^c lxxxvj and lxxxvij geiris, and for his half ferme of the lxxxvij geiris crope. and

for his tak of the fischeing of the Slewye Puill, and tak of Cockettfeall of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, and for the half filuer maillis of Coquetfeall and Slewye Puill of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, according to the compt laid and examinat the fowme of vj^c lxxxij lib. money. Item, mair awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the faid Alexander Stewart of Ballachmertyne, be vertew of ane obligatioun maid be him of the dait at Darneway the penult day of November, the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvj geiris, the fowme of j^c lxxvj lib. xj š. iiij đ. Item, awin to the faid nobill Ladie be Hanife Wode hir officer and intromittour with hir leving of the landis and barronie of Fintres, the fowme of iij^c lxxxij lib. xj š. v đ. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill Ladie be Alexander Menteyth hir chalmerlane of Campbell, the fowme of j^c lxxxj lib. xij š. vj đ. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill Ladie be hir feruitour Chairlis Campbell of Kilbryde, hir chalmerlane of Calflayth and Skypanatfehe, the fowme of vj^c lxxvj lib. iij š. iiij đ. Item, awin be Arthour Stratoun of Myretoun, chalmerlane of Hefgrig, conforme to his compt, the fowme of lxxvj lib. iij š. x đ. money. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill Ladie be George Baird of Auchinmadin, conforme to his compt subferyvit with his awin hand, the fowme of lij lib. vij š. viij đ. Item, awin be the laird of Pitmadin for the maillis and dewteis of his tak of the tonn and landis of Allathan, resten the Witfounday and Mertymes termes in annis I^m V^c lxx, lxxj, lxxij, lxxij, lxxiiij, lxxv, lxxvj, lxxvij, lxxvij, lxxix, lxxx, lxxxj, lxxxij, lxxxij, lxxxij, lxxxv, lxxxvj, lxxxvij, and Witfounday terme *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, extending geirlie to xx lib., Summa iij^c lxx lib. money. Item, mair awin to the faid

vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie, be ane nobill and potent Lord Johne Erle of Mars Lord Erskine, &c. conforme to his obligatioun, the fowme of vj^c lxxvj lib. xiiij ſ. iiij d. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill Ladie be Adame Bifchope of Orknay, commendatour of Halyrudhous, and Dame Margaret Murray hir ſpous, and Andro Stevinſone merchand burges of Edinburgh, thair cautioner, the fowme of vj^c lxxvj lib. xiiij ſ. iiij d. Item, awin to the faid nobill Ladie be the tennentis, takifmen, and parochinaris of the parochin of Ilifgrig, for thair teindis of the faid parochin, pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, reften the crope and geiris of God I^m V^c lxxvij geiris, xxj bollis, tua firloftis quheit, price of the boll iij lib. ; xliij bollis, tua firloftis beir, price of the boll xliij ſ. and lxxj bollis, ane firloft teind meill, price of the boll xxxiiij ſ. iiij d ; Summa ij^c lxxij lib. x ſ. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill and potent Ladie be the faidis tennentis, takifmen, and parochiuaris of Ilifgrig, for thair teindis of the faid parochin pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, reften the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxix geiris, xxv bollis, ane furlett quheit, price of the boll iij lib. ; lviiij bollis beir, price of the boll xl ſ. ; and fyve feoir ten bollis, tua firloftis meill, price of the boll xxxiiij ſ. iiij d ; Summa iij^c lxxvj lib. v ſ. money. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill and potent Ladie be the faidis tennentis, takifmen, and parochineris of Ilifgrig, for thair teindis of the faid parochin pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, reften the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxx geiris, xxvij bollis, thrie firloftis teind quheit, price of the boll iij lib. ; fyve feoir four bollis ane furlett teind beir, price of the boll liij ſ. iiij d ; and fyve feoir ten bollis, thrie firloftis

teind meill, price of the boll xl š; Summa vj^c xiiij lib. x š. Item, awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the faidis tennentis, takifmen, and parochineris of Ilifgrig, for thair teindis of the faid parochin pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, resten the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxj geiris, xxv bollis, tua firloftis teind quheit, price of the boll liij š. iiij đ; lxix bollis teind beir, price of the boll xl š; and lxij bollis teind meill, price of the boll xxx š; Summa ij^c lxxxxix lib. Item, awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the faidis tennentis, takifmen and parochineris of Ilifgrig, for thair teindis of the faid parochin pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, resten the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxij geiris, xxvij bollis ane furlett quheit, price of the boll l š; lxxiiij bollis, ane furlett teind beir, price of the boll xxxiiij š. iiij đ; and fax feoir xv bollis, tua firloftis teind meill, price of the boll xxvj š. viiiij đ; Summa iij^c lxxv lib. x đ. Item, awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the faidis tennentis, takifmen, and parochineris of Ilifgrig for thair teindis of the faid parochin pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, resten the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxiiij geiris xxvj bollis 3 firloftis quheit, price of the boll iij lib.; lxxv bollis tua firloftis teind beir, price of the boll xxx š; and lxxxxix bollis tua firloftis teind meill, price of the boll ourheid xxx š; Summa iij^c xlij lib. xv š. Item, awin be Charlis Campbell of Kilbryd, chalmerlane to the faid nobill Ladie, of the landis of Skippinitfche and Killaflyd in Argyle for the half fermes of the faidis landis of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxviiij geiris, lvj bollis, tua firloftis beir, price of the boll xl š; and lxxv bollis ane

furlett meill, price of the boll ourheid xl š; Summa ij^c xliij lib. x š. Item, mair awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the Erledome of Murray, for thair half ferme of the faidis landis of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, tuelf chalderis tuelf bollis quheit, price of the boll liij š. iijj đ; Summa v^c xliij lib. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the Erledome of Murray, for thair half ferme beir of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, ten chalderis four bollis tua firlottis beir, price of the boll xl š; Summa iij^c xxvij lib. Item, resten awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the bishoprick of Murray, for the half fermes of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, fevin chalderis, xij bollis beir, price of the boll ourheid xl š; Summa ij^c xlvij lib. money. Item, awin to the faid nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the bishoprick of Murray, for thair half fermes aittis of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, xxij bollis tua firlottis aittis, price of the boll xxvj š. viij đ; Summa xxx lib. money. Item, mair awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the Erledome of Murray, for thair half fermes aittis of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, thrie chalderis fyve bollis thrie firlettis aittis, price of the boll xxvj š. viij đ; Summa lxxj lib. xij š. iijj đ. Item, mair awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of Campbell, Muckkart, and Kinnedder, for thair half ferme beir of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, lxxxij bollis, tua peckis beir, price of the boll

xl š; Summa j^c lxxxiiij lib. v š. Item, mair awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of Campbell, Muckkart, and Kinnedder, for thair half ferme meill of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxviiij geiris, lxxvij bollis ferme meill, price of the boll ourheid xl š. Summa j^c xxxvj lib. money. Item, awin be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the manis of Campbell and Kynnedder, for thair half fermes of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxviiij geiris, aucht feoir thrie bollis ferme aittis, price of the boll xxvj š. viij d; Summa ij^c xvij lib. vj š. viij d.

Summa of the dettis awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie x^m ix^c lxxxj lib.

Summa of the Inuentar with the dettis xj^m ij^c xiiij lib. vj š. viij d.

FOLLOWIS the Dettis awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady.

ITEM thair wes awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie, Dame Annas Keyth, Countes of Argyle and Murray, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord, Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. to Jonet Cornuell, reliēt of vmquhile Gilbert M^cQuhirrie merchand burges of Edinburgh, for the rest of half ane geiris maill of hir ludgeing in Edinburgh, the fowme of j^c xvj lib. xvij š. money. Item awin to Thomas Dikfoun apothecar burges of Edinburgh, for droggis and medicamentis bestowit vpoun the faid nobill and potent Ladie, and for his panes and tranellis takin on hir the tyme of hir feiknes immediatlie preceding hir deceife, the fowme

of je lib. ix š. Item, awin to Gilbert Primroife, chyrurgiane burges of Edinburgh, for his panes and trauellis taken on the faid nobill and potent Ladie, and droggis and medicamentis beftowit on hir the tyme of hir feiknes, immediatlie preceding hir deceis the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij š. iiij d. Item, awin to Mr. Johnne Craig, doctour in medicine, for his panes and trauellis takin on the faid nobill and potent Ladie the tyme of hir feiknes immediatlie preceding hir deceis, the fowme of xl lib. money. Item, awin to James Keyth, feruitour to the faid nobill and potent Ladie for ane geiris fie, the fowme of j^e lib. money. Item, awin to Adam Archibald, hir feruitour, for ane geiris fie, the fowme of xxxiiij lib. vj š. viij d. Item, awin to George Kinrofs, feruand for ane geiris fie, the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij š. iiij d. Item, awin to Mariorie Gray, gentilwoman feruitrix to the faid nobill Ladie, for ane geiris fie, the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij š. iiij d. Item, awin to Katherine Duthie Laidinfter feruand, for ane geiris fie, the fowme of xvj merkis. Item, awin to Annas Dumbar for hir geiris fie, the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij š. iiij d. Item, awin to Adame Gairdner, broufter and baxter, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xx lib. money. Item, awin to Johnne M^eKilandreis, cuik, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xx lib. money. Item, awin to John M^eRayth, porter, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xiiij lib. Item, awin to Dugall Campbell, feruitor, for his fie ane geir, the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij š. iiij d. Item, awin to John Ruffell, pantrie man, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xiiij lib. vj š. viij d. Item, awin to Alexander Meingeis, foirman in the kitching, for his geiris fie, the fowme of x lib. money. Item, awin to Robert the wefehell man, for his geiris fie, the fowme of x lib. money. Item, awin to William Oyt, allacay to the faid

nobill Ladie, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xij lib. vj š. viij d. Item, awin to Harie Hay, fehirtoun boy, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xij lib. vj š. viij d. Item, awin to Duncane Gauld, feruand, for his geiris fie, the fowme of x lib. money. Item, awin to James Cunnyng-hame, feruand, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xl lib. money. Item awin to Alexander Monteyth, chalmerlane of Campbell, for ane geiris fie, the fowme of xl lib. money. Item awin to John Bonar, feruand, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xl lib. money. Item awin to George Dunbar, chalmerlane of Murray, for ane geiris fie, the fowme of lxxvj lib. xij š. iij d. Item awin to Johne Steill, perfone of Dolour, for his tak of the teindfehauis of Dolour, reften tua termes, the fowme of lxxx lib. money. Item awin to the abbot of Dunfermeling, for the few maillis of ouer and nether manis of Dolour, reften tua termes preceeding the said vmquhile nobill Ladies deceis, the fowme of lxxxix lib. x š. Item awin to the Bifchope of Dunkeld, for the few maillis of the landis of Campbell, reften the termes of Witfounday and Mertymes, in the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, the fowme of xx lib. money. Item awin to the Bifchope of Sanct Androis, for the few maillis of the landis of Muckart, reften the Witfounday and Mertymes *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, the fowme of jc i lib. x š. viij d. Item awin to the Bifchope of Murray, for the few maillis of the bifchroprik of Murray, reften the Witfounday and Mertymes termes, *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris the fowme of vijc xlviij lib. money. Item awin to William McIndowey, perfone of Affent, chalmerlane to the said nobill Ladie, of hir landis of Pettey, Strathnarne, and Strathairne, for ane geiris fie, the fowme of xl lib. money.

Summa of the dettis awin be the faid umquhile nobill and
 potent Ladie, j^m ix^c lxvij lib. vj š. viij đ.
 Restis of frie geir, the dettis de-
 ducit ix^m iij^c xlvj lib.
 Na divifioun.
 Quhairof the quot is componit for j^c lib.

We, Maisteris John Prestoun &c. vnderstanding that efter dew fum-
 moning and lawfull warning maid be forme of edict oppinlie, as effeiris,
 of the execontouris and intromettouris with the gudis and geir of the
 faid umquhile Dame Annas Keyth and of utheris haifand enteres to
 compeir judicialie befoir ws &c., We decernit therintill, as our de-
 creit gevin theruponn beiris. Conforme to the quhilk, We in our fove-
 rane Lordis name and auctoritie makis, constitutis, ordanis, and con-
 firmis the faidis Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne
 &c., and Coline Campbell of Lundie, and Maistres Anna Campbell in
 execontouris datives to the faid umquhile Dame Annas Keyth, Countes
 of Argyle and Murray, thair moder, as onlie acceptaris of the faid
 office uponn thame, in respect that the faid Dame Elizabeth Mur-
 ray, the feird of the faidis execontouris, is be our decreit fecludit fra all
 useing of the faid office &c. &c.



